

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Minutes

June 2001 – May 2003

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**PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2001
5:00 P. M.**

Call to Order

Minutes of May 2, 2001

Treasurer's Report

Anne

Rentals

Margaret

Membership

Emily

Philanthropy

Ellen

House and Grounds

?

Other Business:

Fundraiser

Sarah

Sunshine

Ella

**If you want to be on the agenda, please let Sarah or Julie know
by the first of the month....**

thanks.

Women's Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2001, 5:00 PM

Next Meeting – September 5, 2001 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by the new Co-Presidents, Julie Jerome and Sarah French @ 5:05 pm.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Ella Vandervoort, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Peggy McKee, Anne Ercolani, Ellen Smith, Margaret Fuer, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton, and Mary Hansen

Absent: Enid Peterson, Ninna Traugott

1. Minutes of May 2, 2001 were noted and filed
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Ercolani (Attached to original minutes). In general, there is \$25,000 in CD, \$36,000 in cash accounts, and based on the records of the last 3 years, it takes \$32,000 annually for the club to function. **Motion** was made by Emily Renzel and seconded by Peggy McKee that all non-specified donation checks received by club would become part of the Philanthropy fund. Motion passed unanimously by Board.
3. Rentals: Rental report given by Margaret Feuer. Discussion of upcoming rentals. Art show of Afghanistan art scheduled for August 4- rental price \$1200. This led to discussion of increasing the rental fee. Emily Renzel mentioned that a year ago, the price was changed from 1200 to 1300 and capped at \$1500. Price change had to consider when the new Wedding planner's guide was published. Margaret has suggested a price cap at possibly \$2000. Limitations to charging such a price were mentioned: Wanda thought brides room should be fixed first, Emily talked about the parking problem. Discussion on rental brochure, and need to revise it for a more classier, more professional appearance. A suggestion was made to find a volunteer among the club members for such a project.

Dance & Enneagram groups: Powers (Dance group who rents from us) wished to change his day and Dr. Daniel's (Enneagram group) who had previously rented from us, wanted to return. Dr. Daniel's plan was for 10 sessions in a row. Rental price was discussed and Emily mentioned the following considerations to such an arrangement. a) Consideration for neighborhood- they should only be bothered for one day a week not two; b) to check with Tom on when he would be available for cleaning; and c) not to rent on Wednesday because of the club luncheons. Sarah suggested that we go ahead with further discussions with both Daniel's group and the dance group to see if something could be worked out.

City of Palo Alto Rentals: Since they have canceled 5 Thursdays, a cancellation fee was suggested. 2

4. Membership. Emily presented membership report. **Motion** was made by Emily to accept two new members Jean Gee, and Marti Baerg. Board passed unanimously. Christine Paul has resigned. 30 people still haven't paid their dues. We have 145 active members including 2 new members. Peggy mentioned that there were a few wrong telephone numbers in last year's yearbook and corrections need to be made for the coming year.
5. Philanthropy: The Board needed a liaison for the Philanthropy Committee since Ellen Smith, who chairs this committee, will not be part of next year's Board. Cherie Donald volunteered for this assignment. Emily mentioned that the Redwood City Library had sent her a thank you note for this year's Club donation.
6. House & Grounds: No report. A new chairman needs to be found for the House and Grounds Committee: Two names were suggested Janna and Barbara. In addition, a Liaison from the Board for the House and Grounds committee would be needed.
7. Other Business:
 - a) *Luncheons:* Fran is Chair of Luncheons and Sarah suggested that instead of having 10 lunches next year to do 8 luncheons and 2 dinners so that we could be a little more flexible for members schedules. **Motion** was made by Wanda and seconded by Fran to have two evenings next year in December, 2001 (a Christmas Dinner) and another dinner in April, 2002. Board passed this unanimously. There will be a need for 10 luncheon committees this year, since the prior September arrangement of past presidents was not working out. Fran would take the responsibility of dividing the 8 luncheons and two dinners among ten committees.
 - b) *City Council & Area Parking:* Julie reported that the City Council plans to put in permit parking sometime in 2003-2004. It will be from 8:00-5:00 with two hours for free parking. Possible problem with people on luncheon committee, but since permit parking is still in the planning stage, it is nothing to be concerned about at this time.
 - c) We will *host* the November 11 Women's Club Loma Prieta District luncheon meeting.
 - d) *Reminder* to turn lights and fans off when leaving building.
8. Fundraising: Sarah reported that Marsha Rehmus, who is a dynamite fundraiser, had suggested doing a fundraising event. Although a Zydeco event and a repeat of the Italian dinner was suggested, the discussion that followed wanted Marsha and the group that would be putting on the event to

Category Summary Report

3/1/03 through 3/31/03

come up with the ideas. Julie and Sarah said that they would not be involved with the managing of event but leave that to Marsha. 3

9. Sunshine: Ella talked to Phoebe Seagrave and Betty Bonn. Trudy is having a great time up north. A question was asked about Irene Lawrence, and how she was doing. Ella was also going to check on her for next time.

Activities & Fundraising	451.00
Interest Earned	573.73
Membership Dues	1,400.00
Refund	3,575.00
Total Inflows	6,000.73
Outflows	
Activities Exp	293.00
Park Charges	50.00
Building Fund	1.00
Dues	1,400.00
Gasoline	240.00
House & Grounds	500.00
Household Supplies	194.00
Insurance	670.00
Interest	573.73
Office	1.00
Phonography	270.00
Professional Services	120.00
Refund	3,575.00
Salary Expenses	70.00
Tobacco	134.50
Utilities	275.00
Unknown - Other	0.00
Total Outflows	6,233.23
Overall Total	3,767.50

Category Summary Report

5/1/01 through 5/24/01

Category	5/1/01 - 5/24/01
Inflows	
Activities & Fundraising	461.00
Interest Earned	575.75
Membership Dues	1,600.00
Rent Income	3,975.00
Total Inflows	6,611.75
Outflows	
Activities Exp	253.00
Bank Charges	50.00
Building Fund	0.00
Dues	1,647.00
Gardener	240.00
House & Grounds	592.92
Household Supplies	198.00
Janitorial	670.00
Newsletter	142.82
Office	1.02
Philanthropy	330.00
Professional Accountant	120.00
Refund	500.00
Rental Expenses	30.00
Telephone	136.90
Utilities	319.93
Outflows - Other	0.00
Total Outflows	5,231.59
Overall Total	1,380.16

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting

September 5, 2001

5:00 P. M.

Call to Order

Minutes from June 6 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Anne

Rentals

Margaret

House/Grounds

furniture

Jana

District Luncheon

Emily

Membership

Emily

Philanthropy

Sunshine

Ella

Other Business

Newsletter/

Yearbook

YWCA 9/12/01

Christine

Julie

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Sarah away

Women's Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 2001, 5:00 PM

Next Meeting – October 3, 2001 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Co-Presidents, Julie Jerome and Sarah French @ 5:10 pm.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Ella Vandervoort, Wanda Cavanaugh, Peggy McKee, Anne Ercolani, Margaret Fuer, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton, and Mary Hansen

Absent: Enid Peterson, Ninna Traugott, Fran Titterton

1. Minutes of September 5, 2001 were corrected for evening in "Feb" versus "April" noted and filed as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Ercolani (Attached to original minutes). In general, there is \$65,000 in bank, \$10,900 in checking. Expenses; question was raised about bill for a web maintained yellow page that will be canceled. Wanda suggested that in the cancelation that the sentence be added requesting that we be removed from all mailing lists for this site. **Motion** was made by Emily Renzel to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Wanda seconded the motion
3. Rentals: Rental report given by Margaret Feuer. In August we made \$4,425 received for that period of time. Rental report lists checks received and Emily suggested that it should be amended to be in rental income so report could show a rental stream of income. Anne and Margaret would work together to improve report. Sarah questioned \$875.00 to see what it was. There were three rental checks received a) \$1,150.00 b) 1,075.00 and c) 1,275.00. Richard Powers is in arrears for \$1500. Margaret talked to him about it. Other contracts are pending but October and November is very slow probably because of a slow economy.

Margaret mentioned that although we won't be raising fees but charging \$250 for the night before should be considered.

Sarah mentioned compared the budget of this year's to last. Margaret mentioned that if we were asked about rental price, to refer them to her. Members rental price is only for personal events not for a friend, etc.

4. Furniture & Drapes – Emily led furniture discussion. Discussed the possibility of selling certain pieces of furniture since Emily knows a buyer. Brides room is also nearly done and cleaned up big pieces. The question arose about the

drapes. Should they remain down. Emily knows a possible buyer for these drapes, which were custom made. Anne suggested we wait until everything was furnished and then see if we should sell them. Meanwhile, Emily would place them in temporary storage.

6. District Luncheon – Hosted by our club would be 12th of November. Philanthropy committee would help with food. Donuts and coffee would be provided by the club and both Wanda and Christine volunteered to help with hosting.
7. Membership. Emily presented membership report. **Motion** was made by Emily to accept 19 new members. We have 169 active members Maximum number of members in the by laws is 225. We can reassess the number and change it if necessary. .
8. Philanthropy: No Report due to summer recess.
9. Sunshine Report
Trudy. She is living with her daughter, plays bridge four times a week and wins money every time. Has Senior Center and Women's Club. Sounds pretty upbeat, and is young and healthy. Shilima has bypass heart surgery and is in recovery. Violet was unable to contact. Irren Laurence is in Florida Joyce Vorrhies is back from her trip to England. Betty bonds under 24 hour care. Dorothy is ok but needs to rest a lot and her legs give her a lot of trouble. Can't stand too long.
10. House & Grounds: Suggestion about hanging one of the historic card tables on the wall but something needs to be done to protect finish and hang it about \$200. A suggestion was made to give the other card talbe to Steve Steiger for the Museum of American History.
11. Other Business:
 - a) keys: Social key for person who organizes. Need extra keys but it requires a letter from the President on letterhead. Try to inventory keys. Two rental keys are missing Every board member should have a set

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

RENTAL REPORT
SEPT. 5, 2001

JULY	\$650.00	TOTAL: \$1,525.00
	\$875.00	

AUGUST	\$1,150.00	TOTAL: \$4,425.00
	\$1,075.00	
	\$1,275.00	
	\$ 875.00	
	\$ 50.00	

(TO BE PAID:)	
SEPTEMBER:	\$525.00

OCTOBER:	_____
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NOVEMBER:	\$775.00
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DECEMBER:	\$1,025.00
	\$1,025.00

JANUARY:	_____
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FEBRUARY:	_____
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MARCH:	\$1,225.00
	\$1,025.00

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
JULY 31, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	7,376.20
WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8	25,536.44
COMERICA # 1891161018	8,162.28
COMERICA #1891184358	24,546.44

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

65,621.36

TOTAL ASSETS

65,621.36

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	69,682.66
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(4,061.30)

FUND BALANCE

65,621.36

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

65,621.36

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE TWO PERIODS ENDED JULY 31, 2001

	PERIOD TO DATE			YEAR TO DATE		
	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
MEMBERSHIP DUES	600.00	591.67	8.33	1,435.00	1,183.34	251.66
FUNDRAISING	.00	.00	.00	130.00	.00	130.00
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	.00	129.17	(129.17)	195.00	258.34	(63.34)
INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	1,875.00	4,100.00	(2,225.00)	3,775.00	8,200.00	(4,425.00)
INVESTMENT INCOME-INT EARNED	.00	110.83	(110.83)	.00	221.66	(221.66)
INTEREST EARNED	44.78	.00	44.78	113.52	.00	113.52
TOTAL REVENUE	2,519.78	4,931.67	(2,411.89)	5,648.52	9,863.34	(4,214.82)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	16.66	16.66
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT	.00	120.00	120.00	240.00	240.00	.00
GARDENER	.00	171.67	171.67	.00	343.34	343.34
JANITORIAL	350.00	430.00	80.00	700.00	860.00	160.00
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	16.20	129.17	112.97	29.03	258.34	229.31
UTILITIES	289.31	350.00	60.69	548.76	700.00	151.24
BUILDING FUND	.00	100.00	100.00	.00	200.00	200.00
TELEPHONE	208.27	141.67	(66.60)	294.90	283.34	(11.56)
TAXES/PPTY. PERSONAL	.00	139.58	139.58	.00	279.16	279.16
OFFICE/POSTAGE	34.00	43.75	9.75	34.00	87.50	53.50
NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK	9.69	175.00	165.31	121.63	350.00	228.37
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	50.00	208.33	158.33	225.00	416.66	191.66
INSURANCE	.00	250.00	250.00	.00	500.00	500.00
BANK CHARGES	(112.50)	15.00	127.50	(112.50)	30.00	142.50
MEMBERSHIP	.00	.00	.00	72.70	.00	(72.70)
CONVENTION	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	16.66	16.66
DUES (LP CHPT)	.00	168.75	168.75	.00	337.50	337.50
FILE FEE/PERMITS	.00	16.67	16.67	.00	33.34	33.34
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS	.00	41.67	41.67	43.60	83.34	39.74
ADS	.00	87.50	87.50	.00	175.00	175.00
REFUNDS	450.00	1,000.00	550.00	450.00	2,000.00	1,550.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	50.00	50.00
HOUSE/GROUNDS	2.58	1,016.67	1,014.09	61.73	2,033.34	1,971.61
HOUSE MAINTENANCE	.97	350.00	349.03	.97	700.00	699.03
MEMORIALS	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	50.00	50.00
PHILANTHROPY	.00	416.67	416.67	7,000.00	833.34	(6,166.66)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,298.52	5,438.76	4,140.24	9,709.82	10,877.52	1,167.70
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	1,221.26	(507.09)	1,728.35	(4,061.30)	(1,014.18)	(3,047.12)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting
October 3, 2001
5:00 P. M.

Call to Order and Welcome

Minutes from September 5, 2002--approval

Treasurer's Report

Rentals

House/Grounds/Furniture

→ District Luncheon

Membership

~~Philanthropy~~ History -
Sunshine

Other Business

NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2001
5:00 P. M.

Anne

Margaret

Jana

Emily

Emily

Ella

~~didn't have copy~~

yearbook + newsletter
printing extra 50
- amendments

conducting orders
in terms of here come

- 12 Nov - 9-2 - Monday -
\$10 lunch

Present

Julie Jerome
Peggy McKee
Christine Shambaugh
Emily Rengel
Jana Stevens
Margaret Fauer
Wendie Cavanaugh
Sheron Small
Enid Pearson
Cherie Donald
Anne Crook
Mary Hanson

get keys
Karen Holman
Kevin the Carpenter
Cass the electrician

Women's Club Board Meeting 6
Wednesday, October 3, 2001, 5:00 PM

Next Meeting – November 7, 2001 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Julie Jerome.

Present: Julie Jerome, Peggy McKee, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Margaret Feuer, Christine Sombure, Ella Vandervoort, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Enid Pearson, Anne Ercolani, Cherie Donald, and Mary Hansen

Absent: Sarah French,

1. Minutes of September 5, 2001 were amended and filed. A motion was made to accept minutes as amended.
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Ercolani (Attached to original minutes). Currently, there is \$68,568.66 on hand in assets.
3. Rentals: Rental report given by Margaret Feuer (Attached to original minutes). Income for October is \$3,500.00. Currently, there is no planned income for the month of November, which is true of February 2002 as well. Margaret is to contact caterers.
4. Membership. Emily presented membership report. (Attached to original minutes). There are 11 new members, Beverly Aarts, Jeanne Althouse, Wendy Crowder, Ann DeBusk, Judy Kramer, Adelaide Macovski, Gwyn Firth Murray, Sheila Raleigh, Terry Rice, Joan Urquhart, and Donna Wilson. Total of new members is 179. Monthly luncheons can only host maximum of 160 members. There were 34 new members last year.
5. House & Grounds & Furniture: Cabinets are to be complete this month. Bride's Room is waiting on light fixture.
6. District Luncheon – Emily is in charge of recruiting volunteers to host District luncheon on November 12 from 9:00 –2:00.
7. Other Business:
 - a) *History:* Working on transcripts almost finished with 1939-1940. History committee is planing to be in charge of the March meeting program. unanimously.
 - b) *Keys.* Need to get keys from Kevin the Carpenter, and Cass the electrician.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	7,541.07	
WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8	25,536.44	
COMERICA # 1891161018	12,867.19	
COMERICA #1891184358	24,634.80	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		70,579.50
TOTAL ASSETS		70,579.50
FUND BALANCE		
FUND BALANCE	69,682.66	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	896.84	
FUND BALANCE		70,579.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		70,579.50

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FOUR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

	PERIOD TO DATE			YEAR TO DATE		
	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
REVENUE						
MEMBERSHIP DUES	250.00	591.67	(341.67)	1,985.00	2,366.68	(381.68)
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	.00	.00	130.00	.00	130.00
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	215.00	129.17	85.83	410.00	516.68	(106.68)
INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	3,950.00	4,100.00	(150.00)	13,125.00	16,400.00	(3,275.00)
INTEREST EARNED	78.37	110.83	(32.46)	236.75	443.32	(206.57)
TOTAL REVENUE	4,493.37	4,931.67	(438.30)	15,886.75	19,726.68	(3,839.93)
OPERATING EXPENSES						
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	33.32	33.32
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT	120.00	120.00	.00	600.00	480.00	(120.00)
GARDENER	.00	171.67	171.67	240.00	686.68	446.68
MANITORIAL	510.00	430.00	(80.00)	1,560.00	1,720.00	160.00
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	50.48	129.17	78.69	100.75	516.68	415.93
UTILITIES	308.16	350.00	41.84	1,130.84	1,400.00	269.16
BUILDING FUND	.00	100.00	100.00	.00	400.00	400.00
TELEPHONE	131.73	141.67	9.94	573.10	566.68	(6.42)
TAXES/PPTY. PERSONAL	.00	139.58	139.58	.00	558.32	558.32
OFFICE/POSTAGE	12.95	43.75	30.80	64.55	175.00	110.45
NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK	956.65	175.00	(781.65)	1,078.28	700.00	(378.28)
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	.00	208.33	208.33	225.00	833.32	608.32
INSURANCE	.00	250.00	250.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
BANK CHARGES	.00	15.00	15.00	(112.50)	60.00	172.50
MEMBERSHIP	.00	.00	.00	72.70	.00	(72.70)
CONVENTION	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	33.32	33.32
DUES (LP CHPT)	.00	168.75	168.75	.00	675.00	675.00
FILING FEES/PERMITS	10.00	16.67	6.67	10.00	66.68	56.68
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS	10.00	41.67	31.67	53.60	166.68	113.08
ADS	.00	87.50	87.50	.00	350.00	350.00
REFUNDS	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	2,320.00	4,000.00	1,680.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	100.00	100.00
HOUSE/GROUNDS	(127.44)	1,016.67	1,144.11	(197.38)	4,066.68	4,264.06
HOUSE MAINTENANCE	.00	350.00	350.00	270.97	1,400.00	1,129.03
MEMORIALS	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	100.00	100.00
PHILANTHROPY	.00	416.67	416.67	7,000.00	1,666.68	(5,333.32)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,482.53	5,438.76	2,956.23	14,989.91	21,755.04	6,765.13
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	2,010.84	(507.09)	2,517.93	896.84	(2,028.36)	2,925.20

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2001

5:00 P.M.

Welcome and Call to Order

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report

Anne

Rentals

Margaret

House/Grounds

Jana

District Luncheon

Emily

Sunshine

Ella

Other Business

Newsletter

See's Candy

Fundraiser

Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 5, at 5:00

Potluck Dinner?

Women's Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 5:00 PM

Next Meeting – December 5, 2001 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Present: Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Ella Vandervoort, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Anne Ercolani, Cherie Donald, Sarah French and Mary Hansen

Absent: Enid Pearson, ~~Cherie Donald~~^{met}, Peggy McKee

1. Minutes of October 3, 2001. Julie moved and Margaret seconded that the minutes be filed.
3. Rentals: Rental report given by Margaret Feuer (Attached to original minutes). Income reported for November is \$6,950.00. Margaret continued the report by discussing the possibility of renting the building to the Iranian Federated Women's Club. They do not have a building, but wanted to be able to rent ours for 3 to 4 times a year, which would include using the kitchen for cooking. The Iranian women cook for about approximately 200 people and wanted to pay a small rental fee. The following questions were raised in discussion by the members—Would it be a weekend? Does this involve Board of Health certification? Anne suggested that they show us a flyer of one of their events. Emily mentioned that as a non-profit the two month notification policy would be applied. Members were concerned about the problems caused by Board of Health certification process, which would require extensive scrutiny of the kitchen facilities for health certification. The discussion concluded with the following recommendations: 1) club building would be unavailable on weekends; 2) can not be used for anything that requires health board certification; 3) building could be available if the Iranian women wanted to work within our guidelines.

In addition the city-SOPHA – wants to book the club house again this year, and also requested a refund of their deposit from last year, and the scheduled times in which they did not use the club house. Emily mentioned that we needed to consider the number of cancellations the City made from last year. In fact they actually once even canceled on the day of the event. Contract says in this case fee is nonrefundable.
3. Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Ercolani (Attached to original minutes). Currently, the monies at the end of October are \$76,000. Gardener turned in bill for extra \$400 and Anne doesn't know what that is for. He is supposed to call Mary, who will OK it. Mary had difficulty reaching

the gardener once for trimming, and instead had her gardener come and trim bushes. Sarah asked what gardener's monthly fee was. Anne's reply - \$80.00. Anne discussed filing of taxes, specifically the form 990. Anne thinks we need to do a 990 but it is essentially an auditor decision. The auditor is Lanie Wheeler.

4. House & Grounds & Furniture: Jana gave report. She is waiting for Kevin the carpenter to finish. When she has discussed this issue with Kevin, he has put her off. Kevin says he can begin the base of the cabinets this weekend, but can't do the doors just yet. Had a question of Martini, who was ready to give us a cost estimate. Skylight is almost done, one more piece, than the glass will be ordered. Board decided to go along with glass installer's plan, but it needs to work and there must be a hinge put on it. The length of time that it has taken for the workmen to complete this was also discussed. It was also noted that the history Committee has historic photographs to go up on walls.
5. District Luncheon. Emily gave this report. Wanda received no regrets. There were a total of 40 invitations sent out with 36 confirmed acceptances. Dorothy Arbuckle will be attending the luncheon for Sarah. Emily has a couple of volunteers who will be helping her setting up that day. For the menu, Emily is leaning toward Karen's pot roast, salad, Costco pies, potatoes for lunch and muffins, juice and coffee for breakfast. Guests will begin arriving between 9:00 - 10:00 and she could use some more help. Jana offered to come. Julie mentioned that she had a call from Dorothy Arbuckle regarding the Women's Federation international project which requested a \$1.00 contribution for each club member. Emily replied that since we have done so little in the past for the Federation that we have tried to help with special projects. When asked about project's details, Julie said that she would talk to Dorothy further about it but was not told specifics. Wanda suggested that once we know what it is for to give a check. **TO DO:** Emily suggested further that in future we need to budget for Federation Program - \$200 (was her suggested amount) and put it under miscellaneous philanthropy. Anne commented that the money the club receives in donations could also be put in this category.
6. Membership. Emily presented membership report. (Attached to original minutes). She said to ignore bottom 4 names, so this means total new members is 7. They are Kay Culpepper, Roberta "Bobbi" Fox, Nancy Hunt Kiesling, Betty Foss MacDonald, Nancy Weeks Rosen, Mary Carey Schaefer, and Edith Zitelli. **Motion:** Emily moved that these members be accepted in to the club, Julie seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Total of new members is 188. **TO DO** Emily brought to the Board's attention that since a lot of new members have been sponsoring new members a reminder

should go in the newsletter that you have to be a new member for 6 months before sponsoring someone.

7. Sunshine Report: Ella gave this report. She telephoned Violette Hanley, who is in a nursing home. Betty Bond is under 24 hour day care and is now 93 years old. She is still taken out to the Palo Alto Senior Center where she plays bingo. Ella wrote to Irene Laurence, but has not received any reply. Lois Holton moved to Carlsbad and her son also died. **Motion** made by Ella to put \$50.00 in the philanthropy fund for Lois's son. Anne seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board unanimously. Ella will also write a note to Lois about this.
8. Other Business:
 - a) *Newsletter*: It is getting out on time and there is a to do about membership nominations (see previous)
 - b) *Sees Candy*. Sarah will be turning in certificates for Sees. \$10.00 equals a pound of candy. She will order and in turn give out gift certificates.
 - c) *Fundraiser*. Sarah mentioned that there has been a suggestion to do a fundraiser like past rummage sale, which brought in about \$250. Another suggestion was a fashion show. Maureen McCarthy Draper was also suggested as a person who could sponsor a wine tasting (Ridge Winery). A social event in combination with a fundraiser seemed to be the preferred methodology; for example, possibly using Powers (dance instructor), and at the beginning of the wine tasting do a swing dance.
 - d) *December 5*. will be a pot luck meeting divided board into three groups to for menu. Group #1 brings salads, Group #2's bring main course and Group 3's bring desserts.
 - e) *History Committee event*. Planning their annual event . It will be a tour of Memorial Church on December 28.

Meeting was adjourned.

RENTAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 2001

MONIES TAKEN THIS MONTH:

\$1,025.00	5/11/02 event deposit
\$500.00	3/03 deposit
\$1,025.00	12/14/02 deposit
\$1,175.00	11/18/01 deposit
\$1,025.00	12/15/01 final
\$1,025.00	7/27/02 deposit

Respectfully submitted:
Margaret R. Feuer/Rentals

+ \$ 1175.00

11/18/01 final

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
OCTOBER 31, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	7,541.07
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	76,277.51
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FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	69,682.66
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	6,594.85

FUND BALANCE	76,277.51
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	76,277.51
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WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FIVE PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001

	PERIOD TO DATE			YEAR TO DATE		
	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
REVENUE						
SHIP DUES	350.00	591.67	(241.67)	2,335.00	2,958.35	(623.35)
SING	.00	.00	.00	130.00	.00	130.00
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	269.50	129.17	140.33	679.50	645.85	33.65
INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	7,650.00	4,100.00	3,550.00	20,775.00	20,500.00	275.00
INTEREST EARNED	32.72	110.83	(78.11)	269.47	554.15	(284.68)
	8,302.22	4,931.67	3,370.55	24,188.97	24,658.35	(469.38)
TOTAL REVENUE						
OPERATING EXPENSES						
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	41.65	41.65
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT	120.00	120.00	.00	720.00	600.00	(120.00)
GARDENER	365.00	171.67	(193.33)	645.00	858.35	213.35
JANITORIAL	390.00	430.00	40.00	1,950.00	2,150.00	200.00
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	106.59	129.17	22.28	2,076.4	645.85	1,430.55
UTILITIES	320.49	350.00	29.51	1,451.33	1,750.00	298.67
BUILDING FUND	.00	100.00	100.00	.00	500.00	500.00
TELEPHONE	127.64	141.67	14.03	700.74	708.35	7.61
TAXES/PTY. PERSONAL	.00	139.58	139.58	.00	697.90	697.90
OFFICE/POSTAGE	75.15	43.75	(31.40)	159.70	218.75	79.05
NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK	163.04	175.00	11.96	1,241.32	875.00	(366.32)
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	36.00	208.33	172.33	261.00	1,041.65	780.65
INSURANCE	.00	250.00	250.00	.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
BANK CHARGES	.00	15.00	15.00	(112.50)	75.00	187.50
MEMBERSHIP	.00	.00	.00	72.70	.00	(72.70)
CONVENTION	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	41.65	41.65
DUES (LP CHPT)	.00	168.75	168.75	.00	843.75	843.75
FILING FEES/PERMITS	.00	16.67	16.67	.00	83.35	83.35
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS	.00	41.67	41.67	.00	208.35	208.35
ADS	900.00	87.50	812.50	3,220.00	437.50	2,782.50
REFUNDS	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	125.00	125.00
HOUSE/GROUNDS	.00	1,016.67	1,016.67	.00	5,083.35	5,083.35
HOUSE MAINTENANCE	.00	350.00	350.00	.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
MEMORIALS	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	125.00	125.00
PHILANTHROPY	.00	416.67	416.67	7,500.00	2,083.35	(5,416.65)
	2,604.21	5,438.76	2,834.55	17,594.12	27,193.80	9,599.68
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES						
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	5,698.01	(507.09)	6,205.10	6,594.85	(2,535.45)	9,130.30

Proposed New Members Oct/Nov 2001 (as of 11/7/01)

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Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
December 5, 2001

Call to Order

Minutes of November 7, 2001

Treasurer's Report

Anne

Membership

Emily

Rentals

Margaret given by Sarah

Ways to increase income

Philanthropy

Ellen

House and Grounds

Jana

Sunshine

Ella

Honorary Member

Emily

Other Business

Women's Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2001, 5:00 PM Pot Luck Meeting

Next Meeting – January 2, 2002 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, , Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Anne Ercolani, Cherie Donald, Enid Pearson, Cherie Donald, Peggy McKee, Ellen Smith and Mary Hansen

Absent: Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Ella Vandervoort

1. Minutes of November 7, 2001. Minutes for November were unavailable and will be covered in January meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Anne Ercolani (Attached to original minutes). There is \$76,000 in bank. \$25,000 of these monies is not part of building fund. Operating expenses for year are \$41,000. We hold a year's operating cost plus building fund in bank. Anne wondered if this was still necessary? Another question arose regarding transferring money to checking account. This led to question regarding best use of current monies. Emily raised the question of using excess monies to obtain additional parking space, and look into buying additional area. This would increase area of house and solve the parking issues that arise with rentals, etc. Enid raised the question of accumulating monies and how it would affect non-profit status. She suggested raising philanthropy budget from \$7500 to \$10,000 per annum. Sarah suggested that we should use excess money by redoing bathrooms and also kitchen. They were last remodeled in Jan 53 or 57. The men's bathroom is particularly bad. This would enhance rental value. **Motion** was made to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. It passed unanimously.
3. Rentals: Rental report was given by Sarah for Margaret Feuer (Attached to original minutes). Income reported for December is \$2,500.00. Ellen also reported that Margaret had rented the club house to a bat mitzvah by mistake since she had not known about the rule of not renting the facilities to minors. Margaret was requested to use her discretion in this matter since nothing untoward had happened on this occasion. Emily brought up her past experience with teenagers, and wondered how you can use discretion without charge of discrimination. Margaret's discretionary position was tabled. Question arose regarding what was decided on renting to the Iranian Federation Women, who wanted to rent the club house on a regular basis (See Nov Minutes). Emily said we agreed to rent because it was a women's club and it would be charged the same fee as a non-profit.

In addition the rental chair raised the concern about incoming monies because of the time of the year and the economy.

4. Philanthropy – Ellen Smith gave this report. She started out by mentioning that each subgroup, according to by-laws, is supposed to do a fund raiser. In addition, club is obligated under non-profit status to give money earned away. Philanthropy committee feels that they represent the commitment of the club to distribute funds to appropriate groups. It could be a problem in evaluating groups so they are choosing 5 to insure balance in distribution. However, the Board needs to define precisely what the committee's purpose is. Emily mentioned that by-laws need to be change since the "scholarship" name is no longer germane. Julie suggested an Events committee be established to raise money, but could have other goals such as a social event (See Nov minutes – Other Business). Anne added that Philanthropy Committee should be separate from event fund raiser. Requests for suggestions for an annual event could be made in newsletter. It was also noted that we are making money on lunches even though they are \$3.00. Budget commitment for scholarship fund is \$5,000. Again, it was mentioned that in accounts and by-laws scholarship account needs to be revised because of conflict with philanthropy name. Discussion ensued about transferring \$5,000 from "scholarship" to "philanthropy" and increasing the amount to \$10,000. Anne pointed out that this money in prior days was in a CD and hard to access. **Motion:** Julie made a motion that the philanthropy monies for the current year should be increased to \$10,000. Sarah amended this motion to say that every December the Board should look at the \$5000 philanthropy commitment and decide how much to increase this commitment depending on cash revenue flow. Peggy seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by the Board.
5. Membership. Emily presented membership report. (Attached to original minutes). She said to look at November's minutes for duplications and adjust accordingly. Secretary did so. And the following are new members Judy Kramer, Adelaide (Addie) Macovski, Joan Urquhart, Donna Wilson, Carolyn Reller, and Elizabeth Wright **Motion:** Emily moved that these members be accepted in to the club, Peggy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Total of new members is 190.
6. House & Grounds & Furniture: Jana gave report. The committee met last week and they are meeting tomorrow. Have paint – wall, ceiling and trim. After approving paint, they are ready to roll. In a ten day period, there should be a painted room. They have selected the hardware sample for the cabinet. Waiting for counter-top. Emily added that there is a leak in the bride's room, and top of cabinet is unpainted. Roof repair – may be a problem of cleaning gutters. Ask Martini to take a look. Jana says that she

has ordered glass for skylight and it will take a week. Furniture has been started for foyer. In addition, they are restoring the doorknobs, and they will be like the original crystal doorknobs. In general, they are having a problem with time taken by contractors to finish jobs. It was suggested that this was probably due to size of job.

7. Honorary Member – Emily gave this report. She said that Georgia Spears is the only one qualified for honorary membership, who has not already been nominated. The qualification is 20 years in the club. So she would like to proceed and nominate Georgia for honorary membership in the Spring.
Motion: Anne made a motion that Emily be allowed to proceed and nominate Georgia for honorary membership. Peggy seconded and it was passed unanimously by the Board

8. Other Business

- a) *Christmas Bonuses:* It was decided to give Tom the bonus we gave him last year. Emily thinks it is \$200. In addition, bonuses for the gardeners are \$20.00 each. This is just for the workers.
b) *Reservation Reminder:* Send a nice letter to remind everyone that a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Adjourned for potluck at 6:25.

Proposed New Members December Board Meeting

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Carolyn Reller, 39 Crescent Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-6745. Carolyn is an active volunteer in the community. She is a co-owner of Palo Alto Commons and currently serves on the Board of Channing House. She is a member of Avenidas and Children's Health Council. Hobbies: grandchildren, travel.

Elizabeth Wright, 540 Fletcher Drive, Atherton, CA 94027. Phone: unlisted. Elizabeth teaches piano and actively supports the San Francisco Symphony Carmel Bach Festival as well as the Big Sur Land Conservancy. Hobbies: music, gardening.

SOCIETY

Madrigals, women's club join in song

Wine, women and song came together for the annual Palo Alto Women's Club holiday party. About 80 members and guests attended a festive dinner and musical performance on Dec. 19 at the vintage 1916 clubhouse on Homer Ave.

Co-President **Sarah French** said, "We are thrilled with the turnout for this first Christmas dinner event and plan to repeat it next year."

TOAST OF THE TOWN



**JANET
DUCA
NORTON**

The festive buffet supper was prepared by **Ninna Traugott** and a committee of 17 including new members **Marilyn Sokol** and **Gaye Bruce**. The menu featured salmon, baked ham, ravioli and a variety of salads. For dessert plates of brownies and assorted cookies were placed on each table.

Tables for 10 were dressed with green linen tablecloths and featured centerpieces of white candles surrounded by evergreens and colored ornaments.

Some of the partygoers included **Ellen Smith**, **Betsy MacDonald**, **Liz Kniss**, **Carolyn Caddes**, **Susan Denton**, **Leannah Hunt**, **Kathy Togerson**, **Barbara Foster**, **Pat Davis**, **Bobby Fox**, **Diana Diamond**, **Connie Fasani** with sister-in-law **Lolly Osborne** and club co-President **Julie Jerome**.

Palo Alto High School's 11-member Madrigals, an a capella concert choir, performed a collection of Christmas



SING-ALONG — Madrigal singers from Palo Alto High School, above left, led the audience in song at the Palo Alto Women's Club holiday party. At top right, longtime friends **Carolyn Caddes**, left, and Santa Clara County Supervisor **Liz Kniss** shared a joke



at the dinner. Lower right, club co-President **Sarah French**, left, Daily News columnist **Diana Diamond**, center, and **Barbara Foster** smile for the camera. Daily News photos by Janet Duca Norton.

music including some Renaissance pieces. Director **Kathy Fujikawa** encouraged a sing-along by directing the audience as well as the choir. In addition to beautiful music, the group provides a visual treat. Members are dressed in unique colorful Renaissance costumes.

Club historian **Joan Holland** said many of Palo Alto's large trees were planted by club members at the turn of the century who then traveled around town by horse and buggy to water them. She is part of an interesting project. Her committee has been transcribing hand-

written club minutes dating back to the club's founding in 1893 and is now working on the year 1940. They contain a lot of local history. Both the California Historical Association and the University of California Archives now have these copies in their collections.

The stated purpose of the club was "friendship, self-improvement and community involvement."

In keeping with this tradition, the club contributes funds to five or more community organizations which benefit women, children, libraries and education. Each

year the philanthropy committee makes the selections based on nominations from the members.

Recent beneficiaries have included Hidden Villa, the Mountain View School of Music and Arts and Redwood City Library Foundation.

Janet Duca Norton's Toast of the Town column usually runs Tuesdays in the Daily News. To reach her, call (650) 327-6397, ext. 534. Send invitations to the Daily News, 324 High St., Palo Alto, 94301.

Palo Alto woman's Club Board Meeting
January 2, 2002
5:00 P. M.

Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Anne

Rentals

Margaret

House/Grounds

Jana

Membership

Emily

Sunshine

Philanthropy

Other Business:

Construction

Julie

P.A. Frank B.

Julie

Nominating Committee

Sarah

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

February 6, 2002, 5 P. M.

Women's Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2002, 5:00 PM

Next Meeting – February 6, 2002 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Present: Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Jana Stevens, Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Ella Vandervoort, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Anne Ercolani, Cherie Donald, Sarah French and Mary Hansen

Absent: Enid Pearson, Christine Shambora,

1. Minutes of November 7 and December 5. Minutes were approved for both the months of November and December
2. Treasurer's Report: This report was given by Anne Ercolani. Total Cash and Bank Accounts are \$74,857.95. See Attached Report. Anne mentioned today that she had transferred some more money into the Scholarship fund to bring the fund up to the amount allocated for philanthropy this year.
3. Rentals: Rental report given by Margaret Feuer. This report showed \$4400 being received in December as follows: \$700 – deposit, \$1025 deposit for wedding reception, \$1025 – final payment for Christmas party, and \$425 deposit for concert, and \$1225, which is the final payment for wedding reception.
4. House/Grounds: Report by Jana in which she discussed the problems of finishing of the cabinets and painting.
5. Membership: The persons proposed for membership are Susan Benton, Gaye Bruce, Pat Calonne, Sharon Winslow Erickson, Sue Flakoll, Pam Grady, Joan Jack, and Janet Leigh. Emily made a motion that Georgia Spears should be nominated for honorary membership. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, and asked that the History Committee to research it and that Emily contact Georgia.
6. Sunshine: Report given by Ella
7. Philanthropy: Report given by Ellen Smith, chair of the committee, who outlined the parameters for giving monies, and that no one donation would exceed \$2000.
8. Other Business:

Construction Report – Julie talked of the construction around the area of the Women's Club.

P.A. Frank Benest. – He would like to come as part of the Palo Alto outreach program and speak to the club. Difficulty is that the speakers of the luncheon have already been decided, so another mode was suggested, possibly the Tuesday social, and the month of March was suggested. Julie was going to call and speak to his administrative aide and explain how our speakers program works.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee was discussed and a motion was made and approved by the Board and named Gloria Hom, Sue Kemp, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton, and Wanda Cavanaugh be put up for election at the general meeting in January.

Balance Sheet

As of 12/31/01

Acct	12/31/01 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cal Fed #907-0008876	12,506.50
Coamerica #1891161018	12,118.58
Coamerica #1891184358	24,696.43
WA Mutual CD	25,536.44
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	74,857.95
TOTAL ASSETS	74,857.95
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	74,857.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	74,857.95

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	12,506.50	
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		74,884.18
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FUND BALANCE		
FUND BALANCE	69,682.66	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	5,201.52	
FUND BALANCE		74,884.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		74,884.18

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
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REVENUE						
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	.00	.00	50.00	.00	50.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	150.00	591.67	(441.67)	2,885.00	4,141.69	(1,256.69)
FUNDRAISING	5.00	.00	5.00	395.00	.00	395.00
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	214.00	129.17	84.83	1,097.50	904.19	193.31
INVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	3,970.00	4,100.00	(130.00)	29,770.00	28,700.00	1,070.00
INTEREST EARNED	41.66	110.83	(69.17)	340.04	775.81	(435.77)
TOTAL REVENUE	4,380.66	4,931.67	(551.01)	34,537.54	34,521.69	15.85
OPERATING EXPENSES						
CONTRIBUTIONS	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	58.31	58.31
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT	.00	120.00	120.00	840.00	840.00	.00
GARDENER	40.00	171.67	131.67	1,045.00	1,201.69	156.69
EDITORIAL	680.00	430.00	(250.00)	3,100.00	3,010.00	(90.00)
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	138.81	129.17	(9.64)	626.39	904.19	277.80
UTILITIES	458.71	350.00	(108.71)	2,261.81	2,450.00	188.19
BUILDING FUND (2001 year)	.00	100.00	100.00	.00	700.00	700.00
TELEPHONE	120.26	141.67	21.41	934.15	991.69	57.54
TAXES/PPTY. PERSONAL	981.04	139.58	(841.46)	981.04	977.06	(3.98)
OFFICE/POSTAGE	.00	43.75	43.75	170.41	306.25	135.84
POSTAGE	34.00	.00	(34.00)	34.00	.00	(34.00)
NEWSLETTER/YEARBOOK	545.69	175.00	(370.69)	1,787.01	1,225.00	(562.01)
ACTIVITIES/LUNCHEONS	.00	208.33	208.33	411.00	1,458.31	1,047.31
INSURANCE	2,531.00	250.00	(2,281.00)	2,531.00	1,750.00	(781.00)
BANK CHARGES	.00	15.00	15.00	(112.50)	105.00	217.50
MEMBERSHIP	.00	.00	.00	86.56	.00	(86.56)
CONVENTION	.00	8.33	8.33	.00	58.31	58.31
DUES (LP CHPT)	.00	168.75	168.75	.00	1,181.25	1,181.25
FILED FEES/PERMITS	.00	16.67	16.67	10.00	116.69	106.69
OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS	.00	41.67	41.67	53.60	291.69	238.09
ADS	.00	87.50	87.50	.00	612.50	612.50
REFUNDS	3,075.00	1,000.00	(2,075.00)	6,595.00	7,000.00	405.00
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	175.00	175.00
HOUSE/GROUNDS	800.00	1,016.67	216.67	602.62	7,116.69	6,514.07
HOUSE MAINTENANCE	.00	350.00	350.00	378.93	2,450.00	2,071.07
MEMORIALS	.00	25.00	25.00	.00	175.00	175.00
PHILANTHROPY	.00	416.67	416.67	7,000.00	2,916.69	(4,083.31)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	9,404.51	5,438.76	(3,965.75)	29,336.02	38,071.32	8,735.30
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	(5,023.85)	(507.09)	(4,516.76)	5,201.52	(3,549.63)	8,751.15

Profit & Loss Statement

12/1/01 Through 12/31/01

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Category Description	12/1/01- 12/31/01
INCOME	
Donation	5.00
Fundraising	20.00
Interest Inc	15.43
Luncheon Income	214.00
Membership Dues	150.00
Rent Income	3,950.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,354.43
EXPENSES	
Gardening	40.00
House & Grounds	800.00
Household Supplies	138.81
Insurance	2,531.00
Janitorial	680.00
Newsletter&Yearbook	545.69
Office & Postage	34.00
Philanthropy	0.00
Refunds	3,075.00
Tax:	
Property	981.04
TOTAL Tax	981.04
Utilities:	
Telephone	120.26
Utilities-Other	458.71
TOTAL Utilities	578.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,404.51
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-5,050.08

Profit & Loss Statement

6/1/01 Through 12/31/01

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Category Description	6/1/01- 12/31/01
INCOME	
Donation	185.00
Fundraising	280.00
Interest Inc	300.33
Luncheon Income	1,097.50
Membership Dues	2,885.00
Rent Income	29,750.00
TOTAL INCOME	34,497.83
EXPENSES	
Activities & Luncheons	411.00
Bank Charge	-112.50
Gardening	1,045.00
House & Grounds	602.62
House Maintenance	378.93
Household Supplies	626.39
Insurance	2,531.00
Janitorial	3,100.00
Membership	86.56
Misc	53.60
Newsletter & Yearbook	1,787.01
Office & Postage	204.41
Philanthropy	7,000.00
Professional Accountant	840.00
Refunds	6,595.00
Tax:	
Property	981.04
State	10.00
TOTAL Tax	991.04
Utilities:	
Telephone	934.15
Utilities-Other	2,261.81
TOTAL Utilities	3,195.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,336.02
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	5,161.81

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(510) 651-5308. City Planner in Palo Alto*

Diana Bebbington, 360 College Avenue #5, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 324-0159. Diana is an artist and mother. She is active in PTA, her church, Canopy, and Palo Alto Area Mills College Club. Her hobbies are film, gardening, and history.

Susan Benton, 1255 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 321-8128. Susan teaches craft and flower arranging classes. She has taught blind and low vision children for 10 years. She served on the Board of Gamble Garden Center and has been a member of the Palo Alto Garden Club since 1981.

Gaye Bruce, 1875 Oakdell Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Phone: 324-1001. Gaye is a Consultant and Therapist and has years of experience in Nursing Administration at Stanford. She is a Peninsula Volunteer and is interested in singing, music & travel.

Pat Calonne, 1480 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 323-5253. Pat is a Psychologist and has also worked in political campaigning as a media buyer/copy writer. Her hobbies are bicycling and crafts.

Judy Deggeller, 267 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 321-1029. Judy is a retired Vice President for Operations of RSP Mfg. She is a member of Forum West, and her hobbies are sports and music.

Sharon Winslow Erickson, 4075 Laguna Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 494-0567. Sharon is City Auditor for Palo Alto and previously worked in the Auditor's office in San Jose. She is a member of PAST Heritage.

Sue Flakoll, 650 Toyon Place, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 493-8106. Sue is a member of the Palo Alto Garden Club and is the Walter Hays School Improvement Coordinator. She is also in the auxiliary at Packard Childrens' Hospital.

Pam Grady, 2257 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 326-4731. Pam is raising a young family. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and has served on the Board of a Coop Preschool as well as on the PTA.

Diana Irvin, 630 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-2519. Diana is a retired high school English teacher. She volunteers with the Allied Arts Guild and Cantor Arts Center and is active in Grace Lutheran Church. Her hobbies are her grandchildren and bicycling.

Joan Jack, 1005 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 327-3209. Joan is a retired health educator and ran the Health Education Department for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for 7 years. She was co-President of PAST Heritage and Corresponding Secretary of the Garden Club. Hobbies: gardening, tennis, reading, grandchildren.

Janet Leigh, 3866 Dixon Place, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 424-1952. Janet has served in PTA's from grammar school to high school. She is past President of the women's auxiliary of Mid-Peninsula Dental Society and a member of Friends of the Library.

Elizabeth (Liz) Lillard-Bernal, 938 North California, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 856-6848. Liz is on the Board of Directors of Adolescent Counseling Services. She is past President of Prosperity Investors. Her hobbies are reading, golf, theatre.

Elkie Muller, 140 Eleanore Drive, Woodside, CA 94062. Phone: 369-2422. Elkie is a realtor. She also was a teacher and Vice Principal. She has been a trade show organizer and sales VP for a ski business. She is Garden Club Conservation Chair. Hobbies: reading, running, skiing.

Lynda Chapella 634 Colorado PA 94306

Carolyn Reese, 80 Kirby Place, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 326-9321. Carolyn is a former teacher and currently is a fundraiser for San Francisco City Guide. She served on the Board of the Red Cross and volunteered with CHC and PAUSD. Hobbies: reading, history, travel, tennis

Ruth Soforenko, 1800 Guinda Street, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 328-2936. Ruth has been an Interior Designer for 30 years. Her hobbies are art, travel, and animals.

Barbara Stephens, 571 Greer Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 323-9870. Barbara is a retired teacher and is active at First Lutheran Church where she has been President of the Choir and has worked in the social ministry at home and abroad. Her hobbies are music, sports, reading, cooking, politics, and walking.

Rosemary Stevens, 366 Iris Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-2800. Rosemary is a mother and public relations executive and partner in a public and media relations firm. Her hobbies are art, music, reading.

Betsy Young, 981 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-0748. Betsy is a retired travel agent. She volunteers as a docent at Deer Hollow Farm, at Ohlone School Reading Recovery Program, and as Secretary of the Lawn Bowls Club.

Palo Alto Woman's Club
Board Minutes
February 6, 2002

Palo Alto Woman's Club Agenda
February 6, 2002

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Membership/close off?

Emily

Rentals

Margaret

House and Grounds

Jana

Sunshine

Ella

Honorary Membership

Emily

Luncheon suggestions

Ninna

Keys

Sarah/Julie

Other Business

*friends of library
gathering*

**Palo Alto Woman's Club
Board Minutes
February 6, 2002**

Present were: Presidents Julie Jerome and Sarah French, Wanda Cavanaugh, Mary Hansen, Anne Ercolani, Fran Titterton, Christine Shambora, Emily Renzel, Cherie Donald, Ella Vandervoort, and Margaret Feuer. Also present were Jana Stevens, Carolyn Emmerson and Ninna Traugott.

Minutes. The minutes for January will need to be reconstructed and were continued.

Treasurer's Report. Anne Ercolani provided a copy of Kawaguchi's report for the period ending 12/31/01. Our total assets at that time were \$74,884.18. Anne reported that she had transferred money into the Cal Fed account to cover the \$10,000 budgeted for philanthropy. Current major bills outstanding are for the electrician and carpenter for the office work - approximately \$6000.

Proposed Fundraiser. Carolyn Emmerson said she came to the Board to see if there was interest in a fundraiser wine-tasting event. Paul and Maureen McCarthy Draper own Ridge Winery and have agreed to a date in May if the Board wished to pursue this. The Board liked the idea and asked Carolyn to discuss it with the Philanthropy Committee.

Luncheon/Supper discussion. Sarah French said that she invited Ninna Traugott to share her experience as chair of the December supper committee. Ninna felt that with attendance at our monthly meetings growing to 90 or so, it has become more difficult to plan. Ninna had some trouble reaching her committee members and experienced some no-shows among the people she contacted. Others brought food other than that assigned. Some food ran out. She expressed concern about difficulties in planning the volume of food for an unknown number of attendees. Ninna raised the possibility of farming out the main course to a caterer or simply paying for the meat course.

The Board discussed ways to help the luncheon chairs. The Presidents will again request that members call the luncheon chair if they are bringing guests. The Presidents will also announce the upcoming luncheon committee members to give a higher profile to their need to participate. The question of raising the \$3 lunch fee came up, but Anne reported that very few chairs have requested reimbursement up to the \$150 allocated in the budget, so money does not appear to be the issue. The possibility of taking reservations came up, but at this time no decision was made to do that. There was some agreement that some members will never read their newsletter or yearbook and will fail to participate. However, the vast majority do do their part and the lunch committees are a good way to create community within the Woman's Club.

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Membership. Emily Renzel proposed Diana Bebbington, Julie Caporgno, Lynn Chiapella, Judy Deggeller, Diana Irvin, Liz Lillard-Bernal, Elkie Muller, Carolyn Reese, Ruth Soforenko, Barbara Stephens, Rosemary Stevens, and Betsy Young for membership, subject to their paying dues and attending a meeting. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: some of these ladies were proposed in January, but without minutes it couldn't be cross-checked.)

Emily reported that we now have 211 members and the bylaws provide for a maximum membership of 225. This represents the Fire Marshall's limit for assembly in our building and was a 1994 amendment to the bylaws which reduced the membership from 300. It appears that close to half of our members are attending our meetings, so we have to bear in mind the logistics of increasing our membership again. In April the dues statements go out and we will learn how many of our current members plan to renew.

Emily reported that she finally had been able to reach Georgia Spears regarding the proposal to make her an Honorary Member. Georgia had just spent 3 weeks in the hospital with pneumonia. She is 94 years old and she was very pleased about the proposal. The History Committee had researched Georgia's contributions to the club and they were considerable. Sarah and Julie agreed to put Georgia's name in nomination at the February meeting in accordance with the bylaws. Georgia may be going in for some minor surgery soon, so the actual month of conferring the membership will be decided based on when Georgia can actually attend. Emily will make sure that copies of Georgia's accomplishments will be available at that date.

Rentals. Margaret Feuer reported that we took in \$4675 in January for 5 different rentals. This represents deposits as well as final payments.

House & Grounds. Jana Stevens reported that in our frustration over the office cabinet delays, we sought a bid from Knotty Hole cabinets for the same work. It came in at \$13,450 and did not include installation and finishing. That is too high-especially since we already have a few thousand dollars on deposit with Kevin. Margaret has been in touch with Kevin, who has been ill. Margaret thinks he can resume work next week and that the current configuration can be made to work. Jana said that the committee plans to meet with Kevin on February 7 to get a progress report. After that meeting, the committee will decide which steps to take next.

Emily mentioned that the tenant at 469 Homer has been gardening in earnest and that it is important to delineate our boundary there soon. Originally Pria Graves was going to do a design, but then Bonnie Mac Gregor was asked to do a design and Pria bowed out. The Committee will recontact both Pria and Bonnie to see if some sort of plan can be worked out.

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Sunshine. Ella Vandervoort reported that she had sent cards to Carol Murden and Carlota Gwosden who are recovering from surgery and to Lydia Morse. She sent condolences to Debbie Nichols, whose mother died. Emily suggested that perhaps we should also send a cheery card to Georgia Spears as she recovers.

Keys. Sarah French reminded everyone to keep track of their Clubhouse keys. At the end of the year, they need to be surrendered and re-issued. We also need to be careful leaving them overnight as from time to time homeless persons have been sleeping on our porch.

Nominating Committee. Wanda reported that two people will be leaving the Board - Mary Hansen and Peggy McKee. Connie Fasani and Gwen Barry have agreed to being nominated to the Board. (Note: Gwen Barry, subsequent to the Board meeting found she had a conflict, so the Nominating Committee is still in action.)

Other Business. Sarah French reported that she was contacted by Shelby Valentine about our club joining in the 100th anniversary celebration for the Library. If an event were held at the club, the profits might be shared with the Philanthropy Committee. Sarah will contact the History Committee to see if they would like to work on this.

Polling Place, Emily reported that after years of saying that we would be willing to serve as a polling place, we have been selected for the March 5 election.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

2450 ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB
Wednesday, March 6, 2002 5:00 p.m.

Women's Club Rental Report February 2002

NEXT MEETING—April 3, 2002 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French at 5:04 p.m.

MONIES TAKEN IN THIS MONTH:

\$1,025.00	deposit for birthday party
\$1,025.00	deposit for wedding reception
\$1,950.00	deposit for 10 weekday nights
\$425.00	final for concert
\$250.00	early entry for wedding reception

\$4,675.00	Total
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Respectfully submitted,
Margaret R. Feuer

**PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING—
Wednesday, March 6, 2002 5:00 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING—April 3, 2002 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Julie Jerome, Sarah French, Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, , Anne Ercolani, Peggy McKee, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton, Christine Shambora

Absent: Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Mary Hansen. Guests: Shelby Valentine, Friends of the Library; Jana Stevens, ex officio House & Grounds Chair

Sarah French announced that Mary Hanson is unable to complete year as Recording Secretary due to health issues. Agreed to share duty among members: March-Wanda Cavanaugh, April-Christine Shambora.

Passed (Renzel, Cavanaugh) to note and file the January and February minutes with corrections. Thanks to Emily Renzel for supplying from notes.

Special Report—Shelby Valentine shared four historical books from library showing the long Woman's Club involvement with the library. The original mission of the Woman's Club was to promote reading & libraries. The first Free Reading Room opened in Feb. 1897, with the Palo Alto Library founded in 1902. March 2002 will be the 100th anniversary. After discussion it was moved and passed (Renzel, McKee) that the PAWC will commit to co-sponsoring (with The Friends of the Library) an anniversary event on April 12 at Lucie Stern Center & commit to supplying 12 volunteers to assist the day of the event. Shelby will announce & have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at March lunch. History Committee will also help.

Treasurer's Report—Anne Ercolani reported that as of 1.31.02 balance is \$77,256.62. Noted that rentals and membership are up.

Rentals—Emily Renzel reported for Margaret Feuer (and acting as substitute chair) that there are three new full cost and one new non-profit rental. Passed (Renzel, McKee) to spend \$1950 for a two-year advertising run in Here Comes the Guide.

House & Grounds—Jana Stevens reported and we noted progress on cabinetry work for the Board Room. Emily Renzel reported that work is being done on boundary between PAWC property and Schneider property. Gutters have been cleaned.

Membership—Passed (Renzel, Cavanaugh) to admit the following new members: Ellen Barton, 13833 Barton Court, Los Altos Hills; Judy Frost, 1991 Bryant Street, PA; Nancy Cassidy, 2297 Harvard Street, PA; Deborah Gordon, 365 Lakeview Way, Redwood City; Cathy Kroyman, 1 Somerset Place, PA; Susan MacDermid, 737-6 Loma

Verde, PA; Judith Schwartz, 2330 Bryant St. PS; Bonnie Street, 1146 Hamilton, PA.

Chair Emily Renzel noted that current membership is now 222 out of 225 allowed under by-laws. There are currently 15 Honorary members (new Honorary member Georgia Spears will be inducted possibly at April meeting). Passed (Renzel, French) to allow Club to add three new members to total 225 and then add members to waiting list until May 30 review of renewals, with new members from wait list to be added in June.

Sunshine — No report.

Philanthropy — No report.

Other business—

Nominating Committee Report: 2002-2003 slate:

Co-Presidents	Julie Jerome & Sarah French
1st VP	Wanda Cavanaugh
2VP-Membership	Emily Renzel
Treasurer	Anne Ercolani
Rec. Sec.	Sharon Small
Corres. Sec.	Connie Fasani (new)
Finance	Enid Pearson
Directors:	
New	Jana Stevens
Remaining	Margaret Feuer—Rentals
	Cherie Donald
	Fran Titterton
	Christine Shambora
	Ella Vandervoort

Nominating Committee: Gloria Hom, Chair, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton, Sue Kemp, Wanda Cavanaugh

-Frank Benest from City Works will attend Drop-in Social on March 12 to provide information.

-Call to Convention April 12-13 in Sunnyvale. Sarah French will check to see who wants to attend. Jana Stevens volunteered gift baskets if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh, acting as Recording Secretary

PALO ALTO WOMAN

CLUB MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2002 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting May 1, 2002, 5:00 p.m.

Sarah French called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Ella Vandervoort, Margaret Feuer, Emily Renzel, Fran Titterton, Wanda Cavanaugh, Sharon Small, Christine Shambora, Jana Stevens, Peggy McKee.

Absent: Cherie Donald, Anne Ercolani, Enid Pearson.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report-Anne Ercolani was not present but a written report was presented. As of 3/31/02 we have \$77,540 in the bank.

Rentals-Margaret Feuer reported that we have received \$4500 in rentals this month. Margaret presented a proposal that we rent out our kitchen from 6 a.m. to 1a.m. on weekdays for \$500/day to a local caterer, Jeff Piriano. He will leave the kitchen as clean as he found it. He would use the kitchen 2-4 days a week. The potential revenue from this could bring in between \$50,000-\$100,000 depending on the number of days the kitchen is used and could help generate some revenue to fund house and grounds projects. Board concerns included:

- 1) that there be no interference with our use for monthly lunch/dinner meetings,
- 2) that there be no interference with our normal rentals,
- 3) that this use not require a Health Department permit
- 4) that he will not store equipment or food in the kitchen
- 5) that this rental not impact our 501(c)3 non-profit status or our City Use Permit.

A motion was passed (Feuer, Jerome) to undertake a 2-month trial with the caterer. Renzel voted NO.

The repair has been completed on the portion of the building that was hit by a car; the painting still needs to be done. The cost of the repair will be between \$500-\$1500 and should be covered by the insurance of the person who hit the building.

A motion passed (Renzel, Cavanaugh) to have the person who repaired the building (a former roofer) look at the skylight that appears to be leaking.

There was a discussion about the need to have a photographer take pictures of the clubhouse for the website of Here Comes the Guide. A motion passed (Renzel, French) to authorize Margaret Feuer to select a photographer and spend up to \$250 to have the pictures taken for the website.

House and Gardens - Jana Stevens reported that a rug has been purchased for the office for \$50. Thanks to Karen Holman for finding the rug. Kevin has made little progress on the cabinets and the deadline we gave him has passed. It was March 19, 2001 when we made our first deposit on the cabinetwork. A motion passed (Renzel, French) to request that Jana make one more attempt to contact Kevin and give him a deadline of April 17th, our next luncheon, to complete the work. Meanwhile, Jana will contact other cabinetmakers about finishing the job.

Philanthropy- No report.

There will be a wine tasting fundraiser on May 16th.

Membership- We have had two resignations. A motion passed (Renzel, Jerome) to admit the following new members: Elspeth Farmer, 618 Wildwood, Palo Alto; Aysen Kutlu, 840 Kipling, Palo Alto; Elena Smirov, 21 Willow Rd #20, Menlo Park; Lolly Osborne, 887 Loma Verde Ct, Palo Alto. Membership is now full and we have a waiting list of three, Paula Sandas, Betsy Laster and Maritza Frankfurt. Dues renewal notices are going out today.

Emily recommends that we establish a process to insure that our minutes get archived for the history committee.

Sunshine Committee- Long time member Frances Payne died in March 2002. Ella and Dorothy Arbuckle attended the services to represent the Woman's Club. A motion carried (Vandervoort, McKee) that we transfer \$50 into the Philanthropy Fund in memory of Frances Payne.

Convention- Possible delegates to Convention will be Mary Hansen, Dorothy Arbuckle and Ella Vandervoort.

Other Business- We received a \$25 check and thank you from the Registrar of Voters for use of our facility as a polling place.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Shambora, acting recording secretary

Palo Alto Woman's Club
Board Meeting May 1, 2002

Present: Renzel, Titterton, Cavanaugh, Sma., Feuer, Vandervoort, Jerome, Ercolani, McKee, Stevens, Smith

Absent: French, Shambora, Pearson

President Jerome presiding

Treasurer: GFWCI dues are \$23.50 per member. Wheeler will do annual audit. An abbreviated Budget summary will appear in the September Newsletter. Chair Pearson will convene the Budget Committee (Renzel, Cavanaugh and Stevens) and budget will be prepared and presented at the June meeting.

Rentals: May rentals were\$. Discussion about Charity rentals determined that price will be \$250 plus clean-up fee plus security fee. These rentals may only be booked two months in advance.

House and Grounds: Stevens reports great progress. Accident repair complete, skylight and some roof shingles repaired and roof is in good condition. Windows and mirrors cleaned. Bids are being taken for new fence in front of gate and moving of old fence to correct the property line (neighbors agree.) Rug in boardroom cleaned and new pad. New 9x12 Foyer rug purchased; new light in Office has been ordered. Committee is making headway on Foyer furniture. Driveway vegetation has been pruned. Fire extinguisher and vents are inspected. Tree outside Office window to stay. There will be a Spring Cleaning in the Kitchen. Ballroom and Fireside Room floors will be either rescreened (\$2,000) or refinished (\$8,000) depending on advice of floor person. Banquette cushion made and hasps at front stage bottom are being replaced.

Pjilanthropy: Smith: Donees have been determined (see Newsletter) and will receive their awards at the June meeting.

Sunshine: Ella saw Phorbe Seagrave, Viola Henry and Betty Bonn and all are well cared for; will send Francis Payne's nephew a card. Doris Salabert's brother died.

May Luncheon: Jeanne McDonnell to do Installation of Officers. Stevens to help. Steven Miller will discuss Oriental rugs.

Library 100th Anniversary Celebration: McKee - event was a big success. Murden, Holland, McDonnell and McKee all helped.

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Rodgers Feuer

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

June 2001 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

We want to thank Emily for her two years of fabulous leadership. We are amazed at her ability to dedicate herself to the growth of our Club through her persistent "take care" attitude. We have big shoes to fill!!!! We also want to thank the outgoing Board members, Lydia Pugliese, Ninna Traugott, Ellen Smith and Boots Gould for their perseverance and hard work this past year.

We look forward to a fun filled year, hoping for great growth and hoping to add some new projects. We encourage new ideas from all of you.

Our last meeting for the Spring will be on June 20, when we will approve our budget and award the philanthropy gifts. Lunch will be hosted by Elizabeth Browne, and background music will be provided by The Palo Alto Chamber Quartet. We hope for a big turnout. Do be there.

During this summer, the program committee will be busy planning our 2001-2002 schedule. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please call Julie (493-8645) or Sarah (329-9091)....Ideas are most welcome. We will also be working on the membership book, so please report any changes to Emily, 321-4165.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sarah and Julie

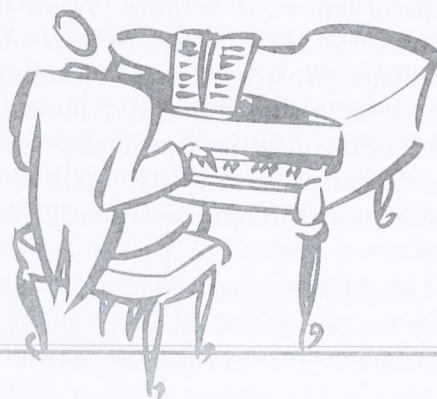
2001 Philanthropy Awards

On behalf of the Club, the Philanthropy Committee is pleased to announce that awards of \$1,400 each will be given to the following five organizations. Checks will be presented at the

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Wednesday, June 20

Budget Approval & Chamber Music



11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and
Program

1:30 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY ELIZABETH BROWNE

Look Inside!



History Corner, Book Club,
Budget Proposal and New Member Welcome

Book Group

Tuesday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.

No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith

by Janann Sherman

This book gets my vote for the best of the five biographies the Book Group read this spring. I knew Smith's name and not much else about her. I was surprised that she was a major player in national politics during her thirty plus years in Washington; first as a Representative and, for most of her political career, a Senator. What most surprised me was that she was a serious contender for the Republican presidential nomination. Smith pushed hard for what she cared about, and got high ranking committee assignments, especially on the Armed Services Committee, where her firm and persistent work improved women's status in the military.

I appreciated the author's avoidance of weighing in either for or against on some delicate controversial subjects. The old saying about telling a person's value by the stature of their enemies applies to Smith, and the author deals honestly with her courage in opposing several very highly placed officials.

The author presented a very objective view of Smith. The author took full advantage of the immense collection of papers in an archives and museum in Smith's hometown in Maine. I got helpful insight into the national political process from this book, and a better understanding of the history of the period.

Discussion leader, Freyda Ravitz.

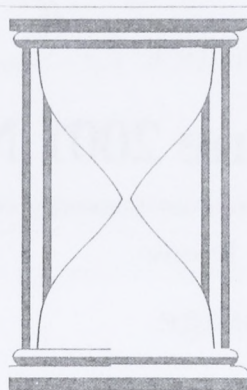
Refreshments, looking for a volunteer.

New members always welcome.

Fall Season Books

We like to announce the fall list in the last newsletter of the club year so some of us can read ahead during the summer. They are September, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamante; October, *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reiche; November, *Arranged Marriage* by Chitra Banerjee Dirakaruni; December, *An Equal Music* by Vikram Seth; and January, *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel. Our selections this session are favorites of Book Group members.

Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

The History Committee has been working on different aspects of Club history since our first meeting in October, 1997. At present the committee consists of outgoing chair, Jeanne McDonnell, incoming chair Joan Holland, Carol Murden, and Peggy McKee. Under Jeanne's excellent leadership (1997-2001),

the committee has focused on transcribing the minutes, 1894-1920, summarizing each year's club activities, putting the information on computer disk, and filing hard copies of the minutes and summaries with the University of California at Santa Cruz Special Collections, the California Historical Society Archives in San Francisco, the National Federation of Women's Clubs History Center in Washington, D.C., and with the Palo Alto Historical Association.

Since 1997 we have been working on an inventory of Club materials, yearbooks, awards, programs, hand-written minutes, and the like, and storing them in acid-free archival boxes. In September, 1999, we put up an exhibit on Club history at the Palo Alto Public Library. Several women applied for membership after seeing the exhibit.

Each month we submit an article for the 'History Corner' section of the monthly Newsletter. Jeanne also wrote an article on our Club that was published in the newsletter of the National Women's History Project and in the magazine of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. The committee sponsored luncheon programs to coincide with Women's History Month. On two occasions Bonda Lewis staged a one-woman performance, the first featuring Amelia Bloomer and the second showcasing California suffragist, Sara Bard Field. We are

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History Committee



History Committee next meeting

Thursday, June 7, 7:30 p.m.

Confirm with Joan Holland (323-3169.)

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Philanthropy awards*(continued from page 1)***June luncheon.**

The Music in the Schools Fund, to provide music education for kindergarten through grade three at Costano School in East Palo Alto.

The Redwood City Library Foundation, to provide book bags for its preschool storytelling program.

The East Palo Alto Kids Foundation in support of its program of enrichment and family participation grants to teachers in the Ravenswood District and other nearby schools.

The Palo Alto Art Center, to help support its programs for children.

The Community School of Music and Arts, to be used for the instrument fund.

Budget Report**Income**

Carryover from prior year	...\$11,520
Activities/Luncheons	.....\$1,550
Interest earned	.....\$1,330
Membership Dues	.....\$7,100
Rental Income	.....\$49,200
Total income	.....\$70,700

Expenses

Activities/Luncheons	.....\$2,500
Ads	.....\$1,050
Business	.....\$2,145
<i>(Bank charges/Office/Postage/Accountant)</i>	
Building/Household/grounds	.....\$26,370
Contributions/Philanthropy	...\$5,400
Dues	.....\$2,025
Fees/Insurance/Taxes	.....\$4,875
History Committee	.....\$300
Newsletter/Yearbook	.....\$2,100
Refunds	.....\$12,000
Utilities	.....\$5,900
Other/Misc.	.....\$600
Total expenses	.....\$65,265
Carryover to next year	.....\$5,435

History Corner*(continued from page 2)*

particularly proud of the March, 2001, Women's History Month program. Each of the committee members conducted an interview and devised an oral history honoring five of the Club's most esteemed members, Ella Vandervoort, Joyce Voorhies, Dorothy Arbuckle, Margaret 'Boots' Gould, and Irene Lawrence. We plan to interview other long-time members and preserve

**New Member
Welcome**

Linda Bader, 219 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 323-6928. Linda has a custom invitation business in Palo Alto called Printables. She volunteers in school, notably with yearbook production, and has led a Cub Scout troop for many years. Linda likes to play tennis and bike.

Jean Gee, 69 De Bell Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, tel: 327-6207. Jean is a member of the Gamble Garden Endowment and Travel Committees, the Atherton Library Board, and a past board member of Gamble Garden Center. Jean enjoys reading, travel and history.

Betty Meltzer, 1241 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-7911. Betty is a reading specialist and the president of Trees for El Camino Project. She is a past boardmember of PCCF. Betty's interests include travel, biking, hiking and music.

Nancy Peters, 1720 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-6962. Nancy is a psychotherapist who is chair of the extension division of Professional Org. She has served on the human relations commission of P.A. and is a member of Rotary. Nancy enjoys gardening and rowing.

Sybil Pfluke, 221 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 321-6316. Sybil is a homemaker who has volunteered with PTA, UMPA, PAST and Girl Scouts. Sybil likes to read, garden, and travel.

Sharon Small

their 'stories' in the archives.

The History Committee is working on an application to have the Club House recognized on the National Historic Register and with a State Historic Plaque.

If anyone among the membership is interested in the work of the committee and/or joining its ranks, please contact Joan Holland (323-3169.)

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Peggy McKee

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday, June 7- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 323-3169

Tuesday, June 12,- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, June 19- Investment Club at 6:30 pm with dinner
For info: Sarah French, 329-9091

Wednesday, June 20 - Lunch Program Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Budget Approval and Chamber Music.

Tuesday, June 26 - Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Jeanne McDonnell 321-6250

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto



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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 2001 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Welcome back to what we hope will be a great 2001-2002 year with the Woman's Club. We hope all of you had a fun and restful summer.



We now have 168 members, 35 of whom have joined in 2001. Thanks to each of the new members for making the decision to join our ranks. And thanks to those of you who have made the decision to continue with us.

The Club is a combination of talented and dedicated women and we appreciate everyone's willingness to help whenever asked. The committees which are so vital to our success have done a great job.

We have a wonderful program committee that have put together some exciting programs. Look for the listings in the yearbook when you receive it. HINT: The Yearbooks will be available for you at the September luncheon.

The luncheon chairs are chosen and the committees assigned. Be sure to check for your name in this newsletter and to save the date, as the luncheon chair will be contacting you with details for your month. Lunch committee assignments are random on purpose—we want to provide this opportunity for members to get to know each other. If you can't contribute on your particular date, please talk to your luncheon chair about switching.

The house and grounds committee has also been hard at work over the summer. Take a look at the Bride's Room and at the progress in the Board Room. Thanks to this great committee.

A big thanks goes to Audrey Moh (who did the design work) and Christine Shambora for their efforts in getting the yearbook ready in a timely fashion. Also thanks to Carol Hubenthal for her continued dedication to getting this newsletter finished.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, September 19

Welcome New Members

The Magic of the Preserves

*by Craig Britton, General Manager,
Midpeninsula Open Space District*

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HOSTED BY BARBARA AND CAROL MARTIN

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The FEBRUARY meeting is also an evening meeting.

We hope to see all of you soon and are looking forward to a great year with the Woman's Club.

Book Group



Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.

The Red Tent

by Anita Diamant

This may not be a dignified enough word for the biblical character of the book, but the Red Tent is a whopper of a novel. Reconstructing women's lives as if they had been recorded in the Old Testament was not an easy task but Anita Diamant pulled it off in a grand way.

Two of her major achievements are writing in the style of those ancient times while still gripping today's audience. Her other achievement is revealing a world of institutions and conditions so unlike our own: sheep herding, polygamy, slavery, and a patriarchy so staunch that it considers girls and women unworthy of more than passing mention in humankind's story of events.

The remembrance of a massacre perpetrated by Dinah's father and brothers against her husband and his people virtually ignores her. The author redresses that wrong by imagining Dinah's lost story, which is that of a renowned midwife, a life-giver, sought out for the most difficult births, whose practice of helping bring life into the world redeems her from the horror of those sordid murders.

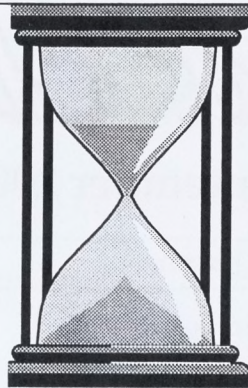
When her father dies, he thinks of his sons and his wives but not of Dinah, whom he so grievously, even grotesquely, harmed. It seems her story will die with her, but a young girl sits with Dinah in front of her tent on her father's land when she returns after a long absence. The girl relates tales of the place and its people, and Dinah finds out that her story will be passed on after all.

Discussion leader, Anne Saldich.
Refreshments, Carla Gwosden.
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Jeanne McDonnell

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History Corner

During the 1890's education was the focus of many woman's club activities. Club women organized kindergartens in many states. They also lobbied state legislators to improve schools, to make education mandatory and to allow women to serve on school boards.

In 1900 the census reported that 790,000 children, ages 10 to 13 and 960,000 children, ages 14 and 15 were working, usually in mills or factories. Some worked up to 16 hours a day. Factory owners said they would sooner hire adults but with the rapid rise of industrial work it was difficult to find help. Clubs worked to stop child labor and continued their campaign to support compulsory education.

Clubs in Illinois started a program to stop child labor and support education. Every week a club member visited the same family to give the mother (often a widow) the amount of money formerly earned by her child. To receive the money, the child needed a certificate signed by the teacher, stating the the child had attended school five days full time for the previous week.

In 1916 Congress passed a child labor law that was later declared unconstitutional. The Supreme Court ruled that Congress could not interfere with interstate commerce. In 1919 and 1922 attempts to pass federal laws were defeated. Finally, in 1938 the Fair Labor Standards Act was passed.

Clubs were also involved in any civic activities. The Oregon, Idaho and North Dakota clubs participated in the 1905 centennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Oregon Federation raised money for a statue of Sacajawea, the Indian woman who guided the Expedition. The status was moved to Washington Park in Portland following the exposition.

Joan Holland

History Committee



History Committee next meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)



New Member Welcome

Jean Bacigalupi, 2190 Webster Street, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 326-8934. Jean serves on the Board of Avenidas and the Yes Reading Program. She has served as President of the Haigh-Seatena Foundation

Marti Baerg, 3386 St. Michael Drive, Palo Alto 94306. Phone: 494-1893. Marti is a marriage and family therapist and has been active in her professional organizations. Her hobbies are garden, travel, music, and reading.

Mary Burt Blume, 1266 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park 94025. Phone: 233-6689. Mary Burt is on the Gamble Garden Board, serves as a docent for the Cantor Arts Center. She worked as a journalist/editor for the NY Times and Intel Corporation.

Alison Cooper, 2312 Divisadero Street, San Francisco 94115. Phone: 415-776-2012. Alison has served on the Palo Alto Garden Club Board and volunteered with the Junior League. Her hobbies are tennis, travel, and reading.

Jean Dawes, 350 Santa Rita Avenue, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 329-1161. Jean worked as college counselor at Paly for 20 years. She has served on the Board of the Palo Alto Housing Corporation and the League of Women Voters.

Hillary Freeman, 627 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 329-1310. Hillary is Manager at Emerging Technologies. She has volunteered on the school sites councils, PTA, YMCA Board, PA Children's Theatre Board.

Glista Guilford, 829 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 323-6630. Glista is an assistant to a landscape architect. She has volunteered with various PTAs and with national political organizations. She worked as a juvenile probation counselor.

Delia Laitin, 199 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park 94025. Phone: 854-4882. Delia was in the University of Chicago Service League and Chicago Women in Architecture. Her hobbies are tennis, gardening, native plants, and quilting.

Linda Larson, 318 Selby Lane, Atherton 94027. Phone: 361-1036. Linda is a home-maker and art student. She served as Corresponding Secretary for the Palo Alto Garden Club and is a docent at Filoli. Hobbies: painting, reading, tennis, gardening.

Bonnie McGregor, 2521 Webster Street, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 322-0847. Bonnie is owner of Design Practice and loves to garden.

Elizabeth Moder-Stern, 1307 University Avenue, Palo Alto 94301. Phone: 325-6057. Elizabeth works in sales at Vanderbilt & Co. She is a member of S.C. County Medical Alliance and the Children's Health Council Auxilliary. She is Treasurer of Palo Alto Stanford Heritage.

Celiene O'Hara, 2823 Devonshire Avenue, Redwood City 94063. Phone: 367-8122. Celiene works as an Office Manager. She volunteers with Second Harvest Foodbank and works as a freelance makeup artist. Hobbies: photography, camping, music.

Peggy Psao, 3134 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park 94025. Phone: 854-3728. Peggy is Acquisitions Manager for City Bank and has volunteered in school activities. Her hobbies are gardening, piano, and her children.

Lucy Quimby, 1700 Sand Hill Road #211, Palo Alto 94304. Phone: 322-3267. Lucy volunteers with ASK (reading help in East Menlo) and is Secretary of the O.C. Racquet Club. Her hobbies are tennis, knitting, reading, bridge, and sailing.

Shelley Ross, 28 Serrano Drive, Atherton 94027. Phone: 365-4910. Shelley volunteers at St. Anthony's Dining Room and at the St. Vincent De Paul Society. She is on the Board of the Consortium for Young Women in EPA. Hobbies: reading skiing, gardening, and tennis.

Joan Sanders, 156 Hawthorn, Atherton 94025. Phone: 325-4912. Joan volunteers at Filoli, the Junior League of Palo Alto/Menlo Park, and the League of Women Voters in South San Mateo County. Hobbies: gardening, history, art.

Marilyn Sokol, 60 Melanie Lane, Atherton 94027. Phone: 364-1369. Marilyn is an Interior Designer and substitute teacher. She volunteers with C.A.R., Peninsula Center for the Blind, PTA site councils. Hobbies: sports, music, sewing.

Carolyn Tucher, 4264 Manuela Way, Palo Alto 94306. Phone: 941-6479. Carolyn has served on the Palo Alto School Board.

Janet L. Dafoe, 433 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 323-6779. Janet is a child psychologist with Children's Health Council. She is very interested in American Indian culture and spirituality. Hobbies: reading, skiing, history.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 5 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 11, - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
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for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

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October 2001 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

The Woman's Club new year started out with great sadness in our country and we are aware that it will take a long time to recover and that many families will have wounds forever. At The Woman's Club, meeting new friends, sharing stories and just being together are all possible. I would encourage each member, new and old, to become involved in any way she can. Meeting and getting to know our new members, keeping up with long time friends, and just being a part of the Woman's Club is a good thing.

You noticed in last month's letter that we said we were enclosing the list for monthly luncheon duty. However, the list was much too long, so we have decided to publish three months ahead in each newsletter. This month will have the November [Hostess Angela Bumbera], December [Hostess Nina Traugott] and January [Hostess Carol Murden] lists. Do be aware that the December meeting will be in the evening.

Our program topics this year are going to be fun and enlightening. We encourage each of you to mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of the luncheons or dinners. Your Yearbook has the program details.

Remember that you, as a member, can rent the Club at a much reduced price. If you have any special events coming up, look no farther than your Club. Call Margaret Feuer for more information.

Our September luncheon was a great success. We had more people and guests with us than ever! The food, the music, the program, the fellowship - they were all wonderful. We look forward to seeing you all in October.

Julie and Sarah



**Wednesday,
October 17
Bringing
Music
into Our
Midst**

*The history
of Palo Alto's
Fortnightly Club*

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch**

**12:30 President's Welcome and
Program**

1:30 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY GAIL WOOLLEY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Monday, November 12 we are hosting the Loma Prieta District Meeting of the California Federated Women's Clubs. Proceeds go to the Philanthropy Committee. Call Emily at 321-4165

Book Group



Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.

Call Susan Kazul 565-9101.

Tender at the Bone by Ruth Reichl

This fall we are reading books that members of the group thought were especially good, but when I read the first few chapters of *Tender at the Bone* I was dubious. That sentiment soon evaporated and I became quite admiring of the way the author told her life story while making food central to it. Eventually, I found myself watching myself when I cooked, though I don't ever expect to use any of the recipes Reichl ingeniously wove into her memoir.

The photo on the dust jacket reinforces what Reichl wrote, that her early life led her quite naturally to her present position as editor of *Gourmet* magazine, and previous ones as restaurant editor of the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Times*. Her father took the picture of her at the stove at an age when she must first have been tall enough to actually peer into a pan on the stove. It's clear she is not just looking, she is cooking.

One section of the book that will especially resonate with us as Bay Area residents is her—I want to call it kooky in a positive sense—Berkeley food experiences with a restaurant operated jointly by its workers and in a house that approached being a commune.

Discussion leader, Anne Ercolani.

Refreshments, Sue Beaver.

New members always welcome.

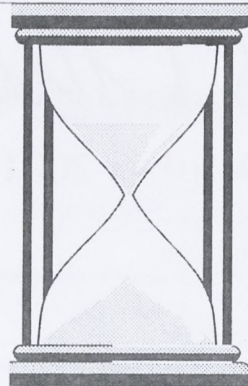
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History Corner

One of the last places to look for humor is minutes of board meetings, just what the club history committee has been focusing on for the past couple of years. We have told you about the major archives where our transcriptions from 1894 to 1920 are lodged. We're now at work

on the 1930s and '40s, from which the following bits may be faintly amusing as period pieces.

In 1931, "Mrs. Gibson brought up for discussion a subject of interest to all Palo Altans, namely how to get as residents of Palo Alto at least a considerable number of the families soon to be in this district as a result of the building program at the Sunnyvale Air Base." We no longer entice potential populace, but oddly, two years later the club was trying to get the dirigible being built at the air base to be named the Palo Alto. Recalling the Hindenberg that went down in flames, I'm not so sure that would have been a good idea, but anyway we never got *Dirigible Palo Alto*.

After paying the bills one month in 1933 the club's total cash assets were twenty-one cents, but of course after adjusting for inflation that was probably in our money \$5.00. It was an improvement over the distressing year 1906 when the club failed to oversee properly the management of the gymnasium they had rented, staffed, and equipped primarily for the use of high school students. There was consternation but at the same time determination to pay off a debt of over \$400, which they did.

Then too, it would have been fun in 1932 to hear the entertainment at one of the club meetings of "solos on the musical saw."

Jeanne McDonnell

History Committee



History Committee next meeting

Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

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LUNCHEON ASSIGNMENTS

November 14, 2001

Note: 2nd Wednesday

Angela Bumbera

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Linda Anderson/Page
Elizabeth H. Bonn
Cathy Dolton
Barbara Foster
Mary Hansen
Leannah Hunt
Barbara Klein
Christina Luiz
Mary C. McCullough
Janet Peacock
Lydia Pugliese
Sophia Ristich
Christine Shambora
Frances Titterton
Caroline Willis

December 19, 2001

Note: Evening Meeting

Ninna Traugott

328-6112

Dorothy Arbuckle
Joan Brennan
Wanda Cavanaugh
Cherie Donald
Hillary Freeman
Ellie Heister
Julie Jerome

Trudy Lung
Jeanne F. McDonnell
Anne Firth Murray
Enid Pearson
Lucy Quimby
Shelley Ross
Sharon Small
Kathy Torgersen
Ella S. Vandervoort
Zorina B. Wolf

January 16, 2002

Carol Murden

327-1446

Stacey Archbell
Gloria Brown
Mildred Chackerian
Maureen McCarthy
Draper
Susan Freier
Glista Guilford
Violet Henley
Edith Kaiser
Elizabeth H. Kniss
Nancy Lytle
Bonnie McGregor
Debbie Mytels
Sandra Pearson
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New Member Welcome

Beverly Aarts, 4 Ohlone, Portola Valley, CA 94028, Tel: 529-1829. Beverly is active in the Gamble Garden Center and the Palo Alto Garden Club. Her hobbies are hiking, travel, handicrafts, and cooking.

Jeanne Althouse, 1801 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 326-4305. Jeanne is a retired Senior VP for Strategic Planning at Visa. She has served on the Board of the YMCA and the Red Cross. Her hobbies are music, reading, and writing.

Wendy Crowder, 1336 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 323-6637. Wendy is a self-employed tax accountant and volunteers at the Gamble Garden Center. She is also involved in PTA activities. Her hobbies are reading and gardening.

Ann DeBusk, 668 Alvarado Row, Stanford, CA 94305. Tel: 327-6474. Ann is a consultant for non-profits. She is a founder and president of American Leadership Forum and a former director of Leadership Palo Alto.

Gwyn Firth Murray, 223 Laurel Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Tel: 325-2427. Gwyn is a Board Member of Bay Area Adoption Services and formerly served on the Board of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. Her hobbies are gardening, dancing, cooking.

Sheila Raleigh, 762 La Para Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 493-2665. Sheila teaches piano and has been active in the Music Teachers Assn as well as the PTA. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, bird watching.

Terry Rice, 340 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 207-4142. Terry is in real estate sales. She has volunteered with the Leukemia Society, Palo Alto-Stanford Heritage, the Museum of Modern Art, and the South Arizona Road Runners. Her hobbies are architecture, travel, reading, and running.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Tuesday, October 9, - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
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for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Tuesday, October 16- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

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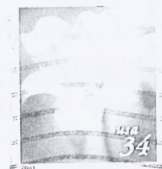
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President's Message

As we approach Thanksgiving, we must not forget the many things that each of us has to be thankful for. During this most difficult time for our Country, it can be a challenge to have positive thoughts. So, as we begin the



Thanksgiving Season, we hope that each of us can find some peace and serenity with our family and friends. The Woman's Club is a wonderful place to come and meet new friends, and Julie and I encourage each of you to become active and attend as many events as possible.

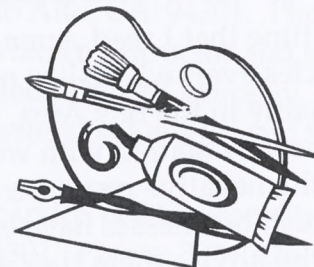
This also seems an appropriate time to thank some of our members who have been diligent at keeping our club so vital. Emily Renzel, our Membership Chair, is doing a wonderful job for new members and our Club. Our recent Luncheon Chairs, in September, Carol and Barbara Martin, and in October, Gail Woolley were fabulous. Great job all of you. Such great Leaders!!!!

If any of you can participate in the November 12 Loma Prieta District Meeting, please call Emily. We are providing lunch, and need to know how many will attend.

REMEMBER: Our November meeting is on November 14, one week earlier than normal. Angela Bumbara is the Lunch Chair. We hope that all of you are able to attend, as the program, a fascinating one, will be Jane Stanford's Vision for an Art Museum at Stanford.

We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, November 14
(2nd Wednesday)

Jane Stanford's Vision for an Art Museum at Stanford

*by Dr. Carol Osborne,
Associate Director
of the Cantor Arts Center, Emeritis*

11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and
Program

1:30 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY ANGELA BUMBARA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Monday, November 12 we are hosting the Loma Prieta District Meeting of the California Federated Women's Clubs. Proceeds go to the the Philanthropy Committee. Call Emily at 321-4165

Book Group



Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.

Arranged Marriage
by Chitra Banerjee Dirakaruni

At the same time that I read *Arranged Marriage* there were articles everywhere like one about corporations, many in the Bay Area, that are owned or extensively staffed with workers from India. Among the negative responses to September 11 such businesses have experienced are investors who advise them they are selling stock in their companies because of their ties to India, and employees who encounter unfriendly clients. People don't seem to care whether they are Muslim or not, as long as they come from that part of the world.

Arranged Marriage is full of insights into the difficult cultural adjustments of newcomers from India, especially ones who look different from our majority population. The book would not be gentle reading under any circumstances.

Some of the stories deal with abuse. An especially disturbing one concerns a woman in India whose husband's family tells her to abort her first pregnancy because it is a girl.

Descriptions of these cloistered, limited lives made me grateful for activists in this country who opened up opportunities for us.

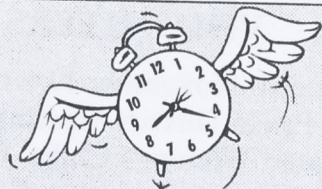
Discussion leader, Joan MacKenzie.
Refreshments, Freyda Ravitz. New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell

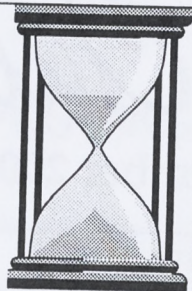
Coming Fall Season Books

December 18, *An Equal Music* by Vikram Seth;
January 22, *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel

History Committee



History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169)



History Corner

In the mid-1930's the "ladies of the club" continued to worry about the Depression and its victims. The Executive Board endorsed a resolution from the Santa Clara County Federation to establish a work farm where indigent men could work and be housed under more "salubrious" conditions than the County Jail. In 1935, the Club officers continued to address ways the Depression affected membership. Mrs. Lakin attended the Federation meeting and commented on the financial difficulties of other local area clubs; she congratulated her fellow members on how well the Palo Alto Woman's Club was weathering the 1930's. By 1935, the Club could pay its bills on time and did not have to cancel donations to the Library, the African Church Scholarship Fund, veterans' groups, and other philanthropic causes. However, fund raising as a topic recurs frequently in the minutes.

Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Ashlock, and Mrs. Bernard organized a card party, solicited gifts and door prizes from local merchants, asked for donations of cookies and sandwiches, and sold seventy two tickets. They garnered more than \$50 in profit and put the Club accounts solidly in the black. They reported to the membership that the Club curtains could be laundered and that they would not have to rent the Clubhouse to bring in additional income.

The Board continued to provide entertainment or lectures for regular meetings, called for action on local Palo Alto issues such as traffic congestion, organized excursions to places of historic significance, and sponsored classes in speech and rhythm. World affairs also engaged the attention of the PAWC. Events in the 1930's in Europe and Asia aroused renewed fear of war; newsreels of the period show various women's groups "marching for peace." The Woman's Club agreed to follow the lead of the Federation regarding the Peace Movement: Women's Clubs of the Federation would not take a stand, sign, support, or endorse a policy for or against military action as a group; however, individuals were encouraged to do so, as their individual consciences dictated.

Thus, in the middle of the 1930's, like women all over the nation, the "ladies of the club" faced the challenges of the Depression in their own world in their own way, as they did the growing tensions in the world.

LUNCHEON
ASSIGNMENTS**December 19, 2001***Note: Evening Meeting***Ninna Traugott****328-6112**

Dorothy Arbuckle
Joan Brennan
Wanda Cavanaugh
Cherie Donald
Hillary Freeman
Ellie Heister
Julie Jerome
Trudy Lung
Jeanne F. McDonnell
Anne Firth Murray
Enid Pearson
Lucy Quimby
Shelley Ross
Sharon Small
Kathy Torgersen
Ella S. Vandervoort
Zorina B. Wolf

January 16, 2002**Carol Murden****327-1446**

Stacey Archbell
Gloria Brown
Mildred Chackerian
Maureen McCarthy
Draper
Susan Freier

Glista Guilford
Violet Henley
Edith Kaiser
Elizabeth H. Kniss
Nancy Lytle
Bonnie McGregor
Debbie Mytels
Sandra Pearson
Freyda Ravitz
Shulamith Rubinien
Ellen Smith

February 20, 2002

Helene Pier 326-1794
and Mary Carlstead
856-7481

Jean Bacigalupi
Elizabeth Browne
Judy Chang
Sarah H. French
Joan Holland
Nancy Kalkbrenner
Iris Korol
Joan MacKenzie
Margaret McKee
Linh Nguyen
Nancy Peters
Anne Ream
Doris Salabert
Marilyn Sokol
Carolyn Tucher

Gail Woolley's CHICKEN SALAD for 16

2 cups raw WILD rice cooked according to pkg. directions
4 chicken bouillon cubes or equivalent in bouillon packets
5-6 cooked chicken breasts, cut up (into pieces small bite size.)
2 cans water chestnuts drained and chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1 1/2 cups raw cashews or almonds or other nuts UNSALTED
2 cups green or red seedless grapes

1 1/2 to 2 cups mayonnaise (Depends on how dry the rice is.)
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon. salt
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons pepper, freshly ground if available
PREPARATION
Cook the rice and chicken. Rice takes an hour. Assemble the rest INCLUDING the dressing. Refrigerate for an hour.

**New Member
Welcome**

Darlene Castro-Easterling, 129 Lowell Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 325-4477. Darlene is a dance instructor and is Managing Director of Teen Dance Company. She belongs to Dance Masters of America and S.P.R.S.I.

Carol Kiparsky, 800 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 321-1426. Carol is a member of various peace and ecological groups. She teaches ESL and is a school volunteer. Her hobbies are herbs & nutrition, gardening, hiking, and peace.

Judy Kramer, 372 Ferne Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 494-3222. Judy is an independent consultant and formerly served as non-profits liaison for County Supervisor Joe Simitian. She belongs to League of Women Voters, AAUW, YWCA.

Addie Macovski, 2505 Alpine Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Phone: 854-3681. Addie is a Family Counselor and volunteers facilitating women's groups. She belongs to various professional associations.

Joan Urquhart, 975 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 329-8278. Joan is a volunteer with the Palo Alto Garden Club and Gamble Garden Center and is a member of PAST. Her hobbies are gardening, travel, and music.

Donna Wilson, 3539 Atwater Court, Fremont, CA 94536. Donna works in public relations. She volunteers as a tutor at the Rubicon Center and is PR consultant to the Fremont Symphony. Her hobbies are sailing, gardening, hiking, & photography.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 7 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 13 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, November 6- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Tuesday, November 20- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

Wednesday, November 14 - Lunch Program Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Jane Stanford's Vision for an Art Museum at Stanford

Tuesday, November 27- Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto



475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

December 2001 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

We want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season, especially as we learn to live with these difficult times. We hope that each of you experiences happiness and fulfillment and has time to share with family and friends. Of course, that's one of the great things about being a member of the Woman's Club—meeting and getting to know other women in our community.

There was a wonderful turnout for our November luncheon and program. It was great to see so many of you there. Thanks to Angela and her committee for a job well done.

A couple of notes: Please bring some canned food to the December EVENING meeting. The food will be donated to the Urban Ministry and/or the Ecumenical Hunger Program. This project is being sponsored by the Philanthropy Committee. Also, please note that the History Committee will be having their annual lunch and tour on December 29th. Look for details inside

One last item of business. We now have a grand total of 188 members. Thanks to each of you who has sponsored and brought in new members. Our bylaws require that before a member can sponsor a new member, the sponsoring member must be in the club for 6 months. The Board has been lenient on this particular rule, but we have decided that because we are growing so fast, we now need to enforce the bylaw. If you are unsure of the length of your membership, check with Emily Renzel, our Membership Chair. Thank you for your understanding of this need.

Our December meeting, as you know, will be on December 19. We will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.; wine will be available at a nominal cost. Dinner will begin at 6:00. The Madrigals, from Palo Alto High School, will perform at 6:30. Julie and I hope that all of you will be able to attend this festive evening.

*Happy Holidays
Julie and Sarah*



**Wednesday, December 19
at 5:30 p.m.**

The Madrigals

Palo Alto High School

*Preceded by brief remarks from
Janet Ducca Norton, Society
columnist/photojournalist
for the Palo Alto Daily News*

5:30 Member and guest sign-in,
social hour

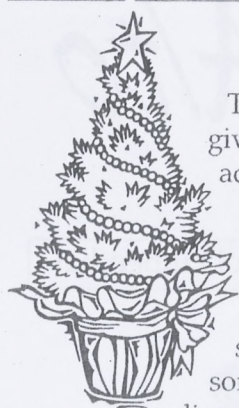
6:00 Dinner

6:30 Program

Dinner is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY NINNA TRAUGOTT

We raised \$260 for Philanthropy by hosting the Loma Prieta District Luncheon. Thanks to our hard-working volunteers: Jeanne Abbott, Wanda Cavanaugh, Mary Carlstead, Arline Dehlinger, Anne Ercolani, Karen Holman, Linda Larson, Carolyn Long, Enid Pearson, Emily Renzel, Christine Shambora, and Sharon Small.



History Corner

The Palo Alto Woman's Club Minutes give fascinating glimpses of holiday activities in years past.

Many of those activities involved the local community. In 1909 a member requested the club ladies to do their Christmas shopping early, as a sisterly consideration for clerks. In some years packages for needy families were put together and delivered.

Community requests, such as financial help to enable an Armenian boy to travel to Fresno to spend the holidays with friends, were acted upon. For many years holiday gifts were taken to the Veteran's Hospital. In 1926 each patient received a hand-sewn bed jacket as a gift. During World War II used musical instruments were collected as gifts for the wounded servicemen. In the 1950's donations were gathered to buy candy for the Veteran's Hospital patients. Some years fund raising events with a holiday theme were held.

There was also a lighter side to activities. After 1916, when the Woman's Club moved into its own clubhouse, holiday celebrations were recorded. In 1917 a Christmas Jinks party was held. Each member present was given a gift, tea and cookies were served, and a delightful social hour followed. The 1924 minutes mention our annual Christmas Party, which in that year consisted of games, a presentation of songs, a Christmas grab bag, and delicious refreshments. Minutes from other years mention a playlet given by the Scouts; a choir of children singing from behind the stage curtain; members bringing inexpensive gifts not to cost more than 28 cents! - for a gift exchange; and always music and refreshments.

In some years the minutes mention no holiday festivities at meetings; certainly in 1918 there were none. That December meeting, held a month after the end of World War I, found the few members present busying themselves sewing for the (European) civilian relief.

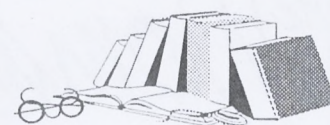
Good wishes for the season were often recorded in the minutes, and to those the History Committee now adds its wishes for a Happy Holiday.

History Committee



History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

Book Group



Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

An Equal Music by Vikram Seth

Book critics like to use the word "gripping," and for me it applies here. I read another book by Seth years ago, *Golden Gate*, mostly from curiosity, thinking hey, Shakespeare wrote plays in verse, why not a novel, and I was surprised at how interesting it was.

My daughter, Julia Powers, went with Jeanne Martin, a pianist, to Seth's talk at Stanford, so I learned from Julia that he wrote poetry since childhood, was getting a Ph.D. in economics when he read *Eugene Onegin* by Pushkin, and decided to use his verse skills to write a novel. When he went home to India for seven years to live with his parents, he wrote *A Suitable Boy* which I saw in the library, and thought it may be the longest novel ever written.

For a poet, it seems appropriate that his inspiration for *Equal Music* came from John Donne, who wrote of a mystical world where there is "no darkness, nor dazzling, but one equal light-but one equal music." The main character of Seth's book may be said to have passed through hell and arrived at such a place.

Discussion leader, Ellie Heister. Refreshments, Susan Kazul. New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell

Coming Fall Season Books

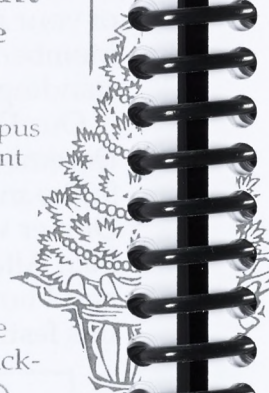
January 22, *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel.

Third Annual Christmas Event sponsored by the History Committee

Saturday, December 29, 2001

Meet at the Cantor Art Center on Stanford Campus for no-host lunch at noon in the cafeteria and docent tour at 1:00 p.m., "Introducing the Cantor Arts Center."

If you would like to join the members of the committee (Jeanne McDonnell, Joan Holland, Carol Murden, Peggy McKee,) please call Peggy (650-327-3539) or e-mail her at pamckee@aol.com



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ASSIGNMENTS

January 16, 2002

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327-1446

Stacey Archbell
Gloria Brown
Mildred Chackerian
Maureen McCarthy
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Philanthropy Committee

The Philanthropy Committee of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto helps meet the Club's traditional commitment to "community work" by contributing money to non-profit organizations and certain government-sponsored programs (such as libraries) that serve our membership area on the mid-Peninsula. Each year the Committee selects five or more such organizations to which to make a donation. Our main focus is on education, libraries, and on programs that serve women and children.

Our next meeting will be January 17 at 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you would like to join us or if you have suggestions for organizations that you would like to be considered for a grant, call committee chair Ellen Smith (326-0753)--or just come to the meeting.



New Member Welcome

Kay Culpepper, 818-B Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 566-0346. Kay is a painter and teacher. She was active in the Escondido PTA, Gamble Garden Arts Show, Allied Arts Guild and is an artist and instructor at Pacific Art League.

Roberta "Bobbi" Fox, 165 Southwood Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 329-1400. Bobbi is a travel consultant and a member of the PA Chamber of Commerce. Her hobbies are travel, books, gardening, and civic affairs.

Nancy Hunt Kiesling, 996 Menlo Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Phone: 325-7059. Nancy is a book-seller and owns The Book Rack. She is a member of the Junior League, MCFH, and Environmental Volunteer. Hobbies: ballet, theatre, walking.

Betsy Foss MacDonald, 573 Jackson Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 322-8759. Betsy has volunteered as a grief counselor for KARA, and with Bing Nursery, and the Bechtel International Center. Hobbies: cards, reading, music, gardening, golf.

Nancy Weeks Rossen, 4075 Scripps Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 493-3312. Nancy is a financial advisor. She has volunteered with Adolescent Counseling Services, Cantor Art Center, Packard Children's Hospital, and the Financial Women's Association.

Mary Carey Schaefer, 742 De Soto Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 327-3207. Mary served on the Board of the Crescent Park Association. She is interested in children's art, architectural design, and neighborhood activism.

Edith Zitelli, 770 Northampton Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 327-8777. Edith is a singer and has served as President of the Fortnightly Music Club, President of the Women's Golf Assn, and President of Stanford Women's Club. Edith's hobbies are music, golf, reading, cooking, and politics.

Carolyn Reller, 39 Crescent Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-6745. Carolyn is an active volunteer in the community. She is a co-owner of Palo Alto Commons and currently serves on the Board of Channing House. She is a member of Avenidas and Children's Health Council. Hobbies: grandchildren, travel.

Elizabeth Wright, 540 Fletcher Drive, Atherton, CA 94027. Phone: 854-3361. Elizabeth teaches piano and actively supports the San Francisco Symphony Carmel Bach Festival as well as the Big Sur Land Conservancy. Hobbies: music, gardening.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 4- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, December 5 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 11 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, December 18- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

Tuesday, December 18- Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, December 19 - DINNER Program Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
The Madrigals Holiday Choral Performance from Palo Alto High School

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Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Because of the timing imposed by the season, this letter is being written before our December dinner. Since our monthly meetings have been so successful, we are sure that you all enjoyed the dinner provided by Ninna Traugott and her able crew, and the wonderful and talented Madrigals. The opportunity to meet and get to know new friends, and to connect and network with current ones is one of the special qualities of the Woman's Club.

We want to make special note of the work of many of our Club's women. The details of the house and grounds are attended to, the luncheons and dinners happen flawlessly, the newsletters appear like magic. Look in your Yearbook (page 9) and make note of the women who chair these - and other - committees.

This month we want to call attention to the Philanthropy Committee, chaired by Ellen Smith. The Board voted to increase our Club's donations to local charities to \$10,000. The Committee's operating rules state that the amount available will be divided equally among five organizations. If you have suggestions about potential recipients, contact Ellen.

At our January luncheon we elect our Nominating Committee. This Committee, five women elected from among those attending the meeting, presents its report to the Club at the March meeting. Elections for officers and other Board members occur at the April meeting.

Our luncheon on January 16th will be hosted by Mildred Chackerian. We will hear a program on Successful Aging, presented by Joyce Hanna of Stanford University. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, January 16
Election of Nominating Committee

and a program about
Successful Aging

presented by Joyce Hanna
of Stanford University

11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and
Program

1:30 Adjourn

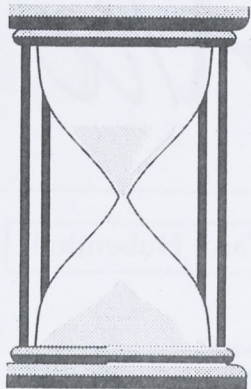
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Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club, Philanthropy Committee





History Corner

One of the early purposes of the Woman's Clubs was to reach out to women in other countries so all women would have access to literature and information as well as being involved in improving their own communities.

At the first national meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1889, England, France and India were chosen as nations the Federation would contact. Women belonging to the Federation were already living there. Clubs were started in France and England although some women's groups were already organizing.

India proved to be more difficult. After several months with few contacts, Dr. Ryder advertised in a Bombay newspaper, inviting women of all classes and nationalities to meet to form an organization for women. The response was described as a "bombshell being thrown into circles of Indian society." She received hundreds of letters of protests. To everyone's surprise 47 women came to the first meeting and they continued to meet every two weeks. Soon letters of congratulation began coming from around the world, including from the United States — the President's wife, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison.

Today there are General Federation of Women's Club chapters in more than 15 countries, including Brazil, Argentina, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Taiwan, Peru and Mexico.

Joan Holland

History Committee



History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

Book Group



Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

Galileo's Daughter
by Dava Sobel

I had read *Longitude* by Dava Sobel and found it fascinating, all about an Englishman who perfected a clock mechanism to the point where it would stay accurate aboard sailing ships and thereby make it possible to fix position at sea. *Galileo's Daughter* seems less of an achievement to me, but a good book nonetheless.

Two intriguing things I learned, or maybe three, were Galileo's achievements that make his name familiar four hundred years later, the almost horrible shutting off of any outside personal connections to women in certain convents of the time, and the power of the Catholic Church to prosecute those who expounded ideas the leaders considered contrary to dogma.

Discussion leader, Mary Carlstead.

Refreshments, Pat Davis.

New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell

Proposed Spring Season Books will deal with our national crisis in two ways, one, by educating us about the Middle East, alternating with cheerful books to lift our spirits. The session will start in February with *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.





Philanthropy Committee

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 17, 5 p.m. We are beginning the process of selecting organizations to which we will make donations for 2002.

If you would like to join the committee or suggest organizations for consideration, call committee chair Ellen Smith (326-0753)--or just come to the meeting!



Membership Procedures

It may come as a surprise to some, but we actually have some rules about membership. Our membership procedures are spelled out in our Yearbook on Page 30. Of particular note is Section 4 (B) c "Members of at least six (6) months standing are eligible to sponsor or co-sponsor members." During the time we have been rebuilding our membership we haven't been too picky about this rule, but the Board will now be following it more closely. Applications for membership should be accompanied by a check for \$50 dues made payable to the Palo Alto Woman's Club.

Emily Renzel, Membership Chair

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Anne Ream
Doris Salabert
Marilyn Skol
Carolyn Tucher

March 20, 2002

Emily Renzel
321-4165

Linda Bader
Joan Bruce
Alison Cooper
Carolyn Emmerson
Wynne Furth
Karen Holman
Nanci Kauffman
Delia Laitin
Liz Mann
Betty Meltzer
Deborah Nichols
bunny Petersen
Karen Recht
Anne Saldich
Georgia Spears

April 17, 2002

Betty Carpenter
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Marti Baerg
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Gloria Hom
Carol Hubenthal
Susan Kazul
Linda Larson
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Celiene O
'Hara
Sybil Pfluke
Marcia Rehms
Joan Sanders
Luiclle Spurlock



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Tuesday, January 8- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, January 2 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

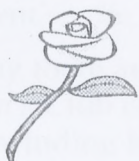
Tuesday, January 8 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, January 15- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

Tuesday, January 22- Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, January 16 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Election of Nominating Committee
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President's Message Happy Valentine's Day!

The Woman's Club's motto is "Friendship, Self Improvement and Community Involvement." It seems to us that all of our members are heavily involved in the community and we want through our programs to provide information for self-improvement.

Our luncheons /suppers provide an opportunity to chat informally with old and new friends. It's a chance to get to know each other better and to get acquainted with women we have not had the opportunity to know or meet in other parts of our lives. As our membership approaches an all time high, we want to encourage each of you to begin new groups. We have one successful investment group (limited to 15), but maybe several of you want to start another one. Please do, and you can call Barbara Martin for information on investment clubs. The book group and the philanthropy group are always welcoming new participants. Don't hesitate to call any of us. Anyone what to start a bridge group? Other ideas? We have a wonderful club so lets use it!!!

Please, if you plan to bring a guest to a luncheon/dinner, please call the luncheon/dinner chair - we want to have enough food. The names of the chairs are in the front of the membership booklet.

Our program for February will be a musical one. New member Gaye Bruce, who was scheduled for this program, will not be able to perform. She does, however, look forward to next year. Tom Barton, a local lawyer whose avocation is singing (he sings with West Bay Opera) has stepped in. We know he will be wonderful. Please join us for a fun evening, with a wine social at 5:30, dinner to follow.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, February 20
at 5:30 p.m.

Romantic Light Opera

*presented by Tom Barton
of Stanford University*

- 5:30 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch
- 6:00 President's Welcome and
- 6:30 Program

Dinner is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY MARY CARLSTEAD & HELEN PIER

Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club, New Members



Book Group



Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Anne Saldich recommended this book and so do I. It got me deeply interested from page one: "They were all looking right at her when the lights went out."

They were looking at Roxanne Coss, said to be the greatest operatic soprano of her time. The lights, even the candles went out, at a party with more than a hundred guests who spoke among them at least eight languages and perhaps some I failed to count, and few knew any but their own. Fortunately a translator there did with language what Roxanne did with music in the emergency. The guests were still clapping, when they found themselves hostage to heavily-armed men, actually most of them boys and two girls, of a desperate turn of mind.

One of *Bel Canto's* best features is the large amount of detail that always seems pertinent, and also the way that opera weaves its way through the story, with music a unifying language. Several guests think that music is life, or god, or the best there is on earth. Until almost the last page I could not predict the ending, but then it seemed just right.

I gathered the book was popular when I found that the Palo Alto library owned five copies, all out, and mine was the twelfth hold.

Discussion leader, Anne Saldich.

Refreshments, Susan Kazul.

New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell

We chose our spring list to suit our present wartime crisis, alternating learning about the Middle East with cheerful books. We meet on the fourth Tuesday.

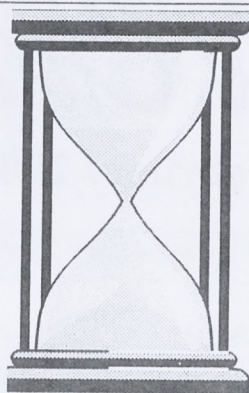
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History Corner

On Saturday, December 29, 2001, members of the History Committee (Joan Holland, Jeanne McDonnell, Peggy McKee) were joined by Gwen Barry and Bobbi Fox at the Cantor Center for Visual Arts for the History Committee's third annual holiday experience.

Last year, we enjoyed a self-guided walk through Professorville looking at the houses designed by Charles Hodge, architect of the Woman's Club clubhouse; the year before we visited all the of Palo Alto parks named for members of the Woman's Club. This year, after lunch in the cafeteria, we were treated to an introduction to the Cantor Museum.

Our docent, Diane Barriger, was an enthusiastic, informed, and informative guide to a sampling of the treasures of the Cantor. Diane identified the human form as her theme for the tour and began with a nod to Athena, who presides over the beautiful foyer of the Art Museum. She identified the statue as a copy of a Roman copy of an ancient Greek statue of the goddess; with her contrapostal pose and idealized beauty, Athena became our reference point for the next hour.

Moving to an Egyptian sarcophagus, Diane compared the highly stylized funeral representation with that of Athena and moved on to illustrate Roman influence on Egyptian funereal art in a later period. From there, we moved to Greek urns and vases. We learned about the development of different firing methods to delineate the human form, and then to torsos of ancient Greek sculptors, who endeavored to combine both realism and idealized forms in their representations of the human figure. What a contrast to move from

History Committee



**History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.**

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)



New Member Welcome

Susan Benton, 1255 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 321-8128. Susan teaches craft and flower arranging classes. She has taught blind and low vision children for 10 years. She served on the Board of Gamble Garden Center and has been a member of the Palo Alto Garden Club since 1981.

Gaye Bruce, 1875 Oakdell Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Phone: 324-1001. Gaye is a Consultant and Therapist and has years of experience in Nursing Administration at Stanford. She is a Peninsula Volunteer and is interested in singing, music & travel.

Pat Calonne, 1480 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 323-5253. Pat is a Psychologist and has also worked in political campaigning as a media buyer/copy writer. Her hobbies are bicycling and crafts.

Barbara Chequer, 640 Santa Rita Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 326-2682. Barbara is Assistant to the Marketing Director of Webster House. She formerly taught nursery school. Her hobbies are gardening, swimming, and bridge.

Judy Deggeller, 267 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 321-1029. Judy is a retired Vice President for Operations of RSP Mfg. She is a member of Forum West, and her hobbies are sports and music. She is on the Board of the Bring Me a Book Foundation.

Sharon Winslow Erickson, 4075 Laguna Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 494-0567. Sharon is City Auditor for Palo Alto and previously worked in the Auditor's office in San Jose. She is a member of PAST Heritage.

Sue Flakoll, 650 Toyon Place, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 493-8106. Sue is a member of the Palo Alto Garden Club and is the Walter Hays School Improvement Coordinator. She is also in the auxiliary at Packard Children's Hospital.

Pam Grady, 2257 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 326-4731. Pam is raising a young family. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and has served on the Board.

Joan Jack, 1005 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Tel: 327-3209. Joan is a retired health educator and ran the Health Education Department for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for 7 years. She was co-President of PAST Heritage and Corresponding Secretary of the Garden Club. Hobbies: gardening, tennis, reading, grandchildren.

Janet Leigh, 3866 Dixon Place, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Tel: 424-1952. Janet has served in PTA's from grammar school to high school. She is past President of the women's auxiliary of Mid-Peninsula Dental Society and a member of Friends of the Library.

Elkie Muller, 140 Eleanore Drive, Woodside, CA 94062. Phone: 369-2422. Elkie is a realtor. She was previously a teacher and vice principal. She has also organized trade shows and was Sales VP of a ski business. Hobbies: reading, running, skiing.

Carolyn Reese, 80 Kirby Place, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 326-9321. Carolyn is a former teacher. She also was a fundraiser for the San Francisco City Guide. She has served on the Board of Red Cross, and as a volunteer at Children's Health Council and PAUSD schools. Hobbies: reading, San Francisco History, tennis, travel.

Ruth Soforenko, 1800 Guinda Street, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 328-2936. Ruth has been an Interior Designer for 30 years. Her hobbies are art, travel, and animals.

Barbara Stephens, 571 Greer Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 323-9870. Barbara is a retired teacher and is active at First Lutheran Church where she has been President of the Choir and has worked in the social ministry at home and abroad. Her hobbies are music, sports, reading, cooking, politics, and walking.

Betsy Young, 981 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-0748. Betsy is a retired travel agent. She volunteers as a docent at Deer Hollow Farm and at the Ohlone School Reading Recovery Program. She is secretary of the Lawn Bowls Club.

History Corner continued

there to Rodin who mastered the medium and then broke all the rules for depicting the human form.

From there, Diane led us to the imposing portrait of Jane Lathrop Stanford in her Worth gown, replete with jewels and a regal expression, to dapper twelve-year-old Leland junior, to Leland senior, to the gigantic landscape of the upper Kern River, in which the human figures

were dwarfed by the grandeur of the naïf, dwarfed by the grandeur of the naïf's beauty. What a dramatic change to look at the modern figures of Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Willem DeKooning, Olivera. Diane wrapped up our tour with Dwayne Hanson's ultra-realistic workman leaning against the wall in the contemporary gallery. Several minutes in the African gallery introduced us to a whole new genre of abstract depiction of the human form.

Peggy McKee



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Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, February 20 - DINNER Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Romantic Light Opera by Tom Barton

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto



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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

March 2002 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

WOW! What a great turnout we had for the February 20th dinner and program.



Thanks so much to our able hosts, Helene and Mary, and their committee. A job well done: good food, good friends, good conversation, wonderful entertainment, and of course, good wine. Tom Barton was great and the mood of the evening was upbeat and fun. We do also want to thank Pat Davis for her role in making the program possible.

We will introduce Georgia Spears for Honorary Membership at the March meeting. She has been a valuable member of the Club, joining in 1980, and served on the Board for many years in many capacities, including President.

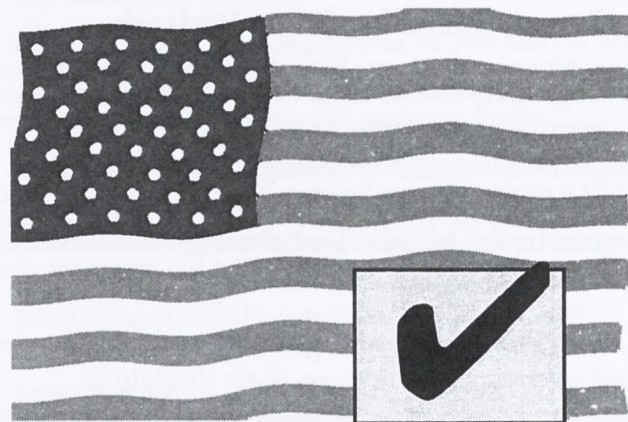
Congratulations, Georgia.

During our March luncheon the nominating committee will report the slate of officers for the 2002/2003 year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting and on the day of the election in April.

We look forward to Jeanne McDonnell's discussion at the March luncheon, which is being presented by the History Committee. An informative and interesting topic, "They Won Voting Rights Town by Town". We hope that all of you will be there; the date is MARCH 20. The luncheon is being hosted by Emily Renzel, and as usual, there will be, most certainly, a St. Patrick's Day theme.

See you there!

Julie and Sarah



**Wednesday, March 20
at noon
They Won Voting Rights Town
by Town:
Palo Alto & the Nation**

*presented by the Woman's Club's History
Committee*

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch**

12:30 President's Welcome and

12:30 Program

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY EMILY RENZEL



Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club, Philanthropy Committee

Book Group



Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

Desert Queen by Janet Wallach

This biography of Gertrude Bell is a wonderful way to learn about people with ways so different from ours. Bell was the only English woman high government official and one of the most influential persons in the Middle East during World War I and until her death in 1925.

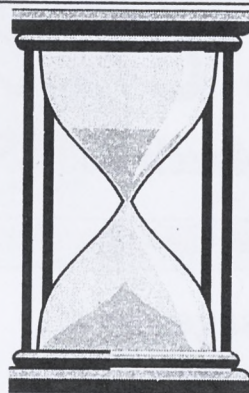
The all-male military and government teams tolerated and some overcame their disdain to welcome her because her knowledge made her irreplaceable. She had traveled the desert in her own caravan, knew the terrain intimately, could read and speak Arabic, and was fluent in Arab customs. When as an honored guest, she was offered an animal eye to eat, she accepted and swallowed it gracefully. Besides her government service, she wrote, measured, photographed, collected artifacts, and set up one of the world's great archaeological museums.

One point near the end of the book related to a prominent topic in history right now, borderlands. During post-war negotiations, two tribes argued for "neutral ground" where they could travel seasonally to pasture their flocks. It reminded me of the problem United States Indians had adapting their cultures to national, state, and personal property lines.

Discussion leader, Mary Carlstead
Refreshments, Freyda Ravitz.. New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell

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History Corner

Kelly Clark brought home to Vermont an Olympic gold medal in skiing. Sarah Hughes brought home to Great Neck, New York a gold medal in figure skating. Peggy McKee brought home to Palo Alto one of the premier awards in the field of teaching history from the prestigious American Historical Association.

When the AHA held its annual meeting in San Francisco in January, streets around Union Square teemed with historians, who were recognizable because they were all deep in conversation with one colleague or another as they strode between the four hotels that were hosting sessions.

At the main membership meeting, Peggy, called Margaret for the occasion, was one of two who are chosen from applicants nationwide every nine years at the pre-college level for the Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award. Letters supporting her nomination said "Her high standards for writing, thinking, and analyzing taught me the foundations on which I have built my career as a historian," she "made power less mysterious and knowledge more accessible." "she was renowned throughout the school for spirited class discussions."

No club members know better Peggy's commitment to teaching history at Castilleja School than her three associates on the history committee, who believe, like her, that history matters. Jeanne McDonnell founded the Women's

Heritage Museum, now the International Museum of Women. Carol Murden is a member of the Historic Resources Board of the City of

History Committee



**History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.**

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

History Corner continued

Palo Alto. Joan Holland, a retired San Jose school teacher, worked on a volunteer project to bring women's history into schools throughout the county.

Jeanne McDonnell

City of Santa Clara sesquicentennial events

As part of the sesquicentennial events for the City of Santa Clara, there will be an El Camino Real Bell dedication ceremony on Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 pm at the Santa Clara Woman's Club. A reception and open house will follow the dedication. For information call 408-615-2450.

LUNCHEON



ASSIGNMENTS

April 17, 2002
Betty Carpenter

327-8043

Marti Baerg
Mary C. Davey
Anne Ercolani
Jean Gee
Gloria Hom
Carol Hubenthal
Susan Kazul
Linda Larson
Midlred Mario
Celiene O
'Hara
Sybil Pfluke
Marcia Rehmus
Joan Sanders
Luiclle Spurlock
Joyce Voorhies

May 15, 2002
Sandy Eakins

494-7493

Gwendolyn Barry
Carolyn Caddes
Patricia Parish Davis
Connie Fasani
Annette Glanckopf-
Ashton
Lois Houghton
Sue Kemp
Judith Kleinberg
Irene Lawrence
Elaine Meyer
Karen Olsen
Peggy PSAO
Susie M. Richardson
Kathryn Schmidt
Rosemary Squires
Virginia Warheit



Louise Beattie, 1445 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, Ca 94301. Phone: 323-0723. Louise is a homemaker and a member of ASDH, St Mark's church, Garden Club (Past President). Hobbies: reading, sewing, stained glass, gardening.

Diana Bebbington, 360 College Avenue, #5, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 324-0159. email: dianabeb@aol.com. Diana is an artist and creative memories consultant. She is active in PTA, Boy Scouts, Canopy, her church, Mills Club. Hobbies: film, gardening, history.

Mary Grace Bertsch, 1536 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 328-6644. email: mgbertsch@aol.com. Mary Grace is MRI Board V.P. and serves on the PAUSD Human Relations Committee. She is a member of the Basel Women's Club, the Garden Club, Leukemia Society, and ASDH. Hobbies: music, gardening, reading.

Julie Caporgno, 40135 Lucinda Court, Fremont, CA 94539. Phone: 510-651-5308. Julie is a City Planner in Palo Alto.

Lynn Chiapella, 631 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 326-4311. email: lchiapella@juneau.com. Lynn is a retired teacher in bilingual education. She is active in the Midtown Resident's Association and interested in city planning. Hobbies: exercise, golf, birdwatching.

Diana Irvin, 630 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-2519. email: dianairvin@aol.com. Diana is a retired high school English teacher. She volunteers with the Allied Arts Guild and Cantor Arts Center and is active in Grace Lutheran Church. Her hobbies are her grandchildren and bicycling.

Elizabeth (Liz) Lillard-Bernal, 938 North California, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 856-6848. email: lizandal@earthlink.net. Liz is on the Board of Directors of Adolescent Counseling Services. She is past President of Prosperity Investors. Her hobbies are reading, golf, theatre.

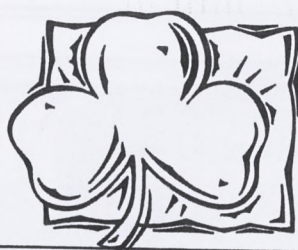
Judith Schwartz, 2330 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 325-1602. Judith is a marketing consultant and managing partner of Point Marketing Consulting for 18 years. She is on the Board of the Arts Council of Silicon Valley and a member of the Computer History Museum. Hobbies: craftsman architecture, politics, swimming, riding, art, music.

Rosemary Stevens, 366 Iris Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-2800. Rosemary is a mother and public relations executive and partner in a public and media relations firm. Her hobbies are art, music, and reading.

Shelby Valentine, 3116 Stelling Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-2012. Shelby is President of Friends of the Library. She is a member of Junior League of SF, Trinity Family Institute, and University Club. Hobbies: piano, crafts, sailing, travel.

Ellen Barton, 13833 Barton Court, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Phone: 941-7040. Email: ellen@ellenbarton.com. Ellen is a residential real estate broker and serves on the board of Adolescent Counseling Services. Hobbies: golf, hiking, yoga, grandchildren.

Judy Frost, 1991 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-3496. email: judyfrost@telocity.com. Judy is a member of the Garden Club and owns a consignment store in Palo Alto. Hobbies: garden, cooking.



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for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, March 6 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

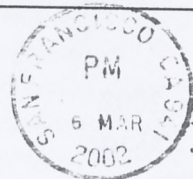
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Thursday, March 21 - Philanthropy Committee at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse
For information call Ellen Smith 650-326-0753

Tuesday, March 26 - Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, March 20 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
They Won Voting Rights Town by Town presented by Woman's Club History Committee



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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement



April 2002 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Spring is here!!! We at the Woman's Club have so much to celebrate. Let us count the ways:

1. We now have full membership, 225—thanks to all of you who brought in friends. Be forewarned however; this year you will only get the renewal form in the mail . . . no follow up calls, so don't forget to get that check in the mail. (Women who have joined in 2002 are automatically "in" for the coming year!)
2. We have a very active philanthropy group, led by Ellen Smith. They are busy working on a "fund raiser" scheduled for Thursday, May 16, which will feature a wine tasting of Ridge Wines and Paul Draper from the Winery to lead a discussion about wines. Julie and I know that this will be a sell out, so be sure to respond as soon as the invitation is sent to you.
3. The Investment Club is fully active, chaired by Barbara Martin.
4. The Book Club is meeting regularly, coordinated by Susan Kazul.
5. House and Grounds, with Jana Stevens at the helm, is very busy working on improving our "space," both inside and out.
6. The Luncheon Chairs, organized by Fran Titterton, are doing a spectacular job and we all thank them so much.
7. Last but not least is the Evening Drop-in on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. If you haven't come, please do. We have wine and snacks from 5 to 7 and it's a wonderful way to get to know others in the club. Gwen Barry has done a great job coordinating the drop-ins.

Our next Luncheon is being held on April 17. We will have Board Elections and a Horticultural talk. The luncheon is being hosted by Betty Carpenter.

Please, if you plan on bringing a guest, call Betty to let her know. Do please continue to bring guests, but we will be setting up a "waiting list" for women interested in membership.

Happy Spring!

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, April 17
at noon
Horticultural Talk
Board Elections

11:45 Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and

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Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY BETTY CARPENTER

Look Inside!

 History Corner,
Book Club, Philanthropy Committee



Book Group



Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

The Book Shop by Penelope Fitzgerald

We selected this book for our spring series because we were looking for lighthearted material to raise our spirits during this national crisis. The author of an article about Fitzgerald said her novels were funny, but I thought the *Book Shop* would be funnier to English readers than to Americans.

I have heard about English people who live in five or six hundred year old houses that have been miserably rotted by fog and rain, and Fitzgerald's low key descriptions would probably be hilarious to people who know that feeling.

The house, where the main character both lives and opens a book store, squeaks so much everyone in the little town where she is a newcomer knows it is haunted.

The one funny person in the book was a man who virtually never left his home, whose only visitors were occasional notable people from London, but whose direct honesty was refreshing, especially when everyone else in the book seemed to operate according to rules that the owner of the book shop never deciphered. Another old codger, Lord Gosfield, was said to have "driven the hundred odd miles expressly to say nothing in the company of his old friend Bruno." It's low key English humor.

Discussion leader, Sue Kemp

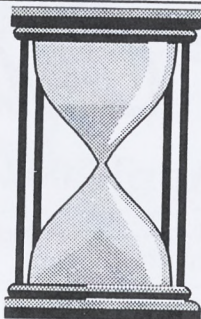
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Due to lack of space the luncheon committee names could not be listed for May and June. Please check your Yearbook for assignments.



History Corner

Palo Alto is celebrating 100 years of library service to the community. On Sunday, April 28 a public celebration will be held at the Community Center from 4 to 6 p.m.

The mayor will open the celebration. Commemorative posters will be given to the first 100 guests. There will be refreshments and Harmony Bakery is generously donating a large birthday cake.

The Woman's Club is joining the celebration in recognition of the Club's part in starting the first public library in Palo Alto in 1895. In 1902 the library was turned over to the city and the Woman's Club continued financial support of the library.

An early report in the Club minutes, dated July 1, 1896 noted that "the library was in place, with Mrs. Corbert engaged in numbering the books and getting them ready for distribution . . ."

Letters were being received promoting books which "could be had at a very low price and which would be valuable for the library." By December 1896 the local Y.M.C.A. could no longer maintain their Reading Room. The Woman's Club agreed to "undertake the work as part of its efforts for the public good."

Listing the club's goals for 1897, Mrs. Campbell, Club president, noted "to put before the public the necessity of a public park; to foster the idea of planting trees; to increase library and resources of Reading Room." The 1898 report on the library listed the number of books and use of the Reading Room and also "made a strong plea for more periodicals."

The club supported and promoted idea that the library should be a community service and run by the town. When the city took over the library in 1902 the Woman's Club raised \$100 for it. The Club also wrote Mr. Carnegie asking for help to build the library. The first library in town was built with help from the Carnegie Institute.

A hundred years of community enrichment is something to celebrate — join us!

Joan Holland

History Committee



Tuesday April 2 7:30 p.m.

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

Guess Who's Turning 100? The Palo Alto Library.

*Join us as we kick off
a year-long centennial celebration!*

**Sunday, April 28, 2002
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Lucie Stern Community Center Ballroom
1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto**

Frances Payne 1904-2002

Frances Payne, long time member and Past President of the Woman's Club (1977-79) passed away March 11. She was 97 years old. Frances served the Club in many capacities - most recently as Parliamentarian - and was made Honorary Member in 1995. Frances was a veteran of World War II. Services were held March 14 at the First Christian Church in Palo Alto. Frances had a keen wit and we shall miss her.

Slate of Nominees:

Co-Presidents

Julie Jerome
Sarah French

1st VP

Wanda Cavanaugh

2VP-Membership

Emily Renzel

Treasurer

Anne Ercolani

Rec. Sec.

Sharon Small

Corres. Sec.

Connie Fasani (new)

Finance

Enid Pearson

Directors:

New

Jana Stevens

Remaining

Margaret Feuer
Rentals

Cherie Donald

Fran Titterton

Christine Shambora

Ella Vandervoort

Leaving the Board

*Thank you for your
service:*

Mary Hansen

Peggy McKee

Nominating Committee:

Gloria Hom, Chair

Cherie Donald

Fran Titterton

Sue Kemp

Wanda Cavanaugh



New Member Welcome

Nancy Cassidy, 2297 Harvard Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 857-1066. email: JnNCassidy@aol.com. Nancy was active in PTAs at all levels. She is an owner of Klutz Publishing. She is also a musician, family counselor, and camp director at Hidden Villa. Hobbies: whitewater rafting, nature, art, music, photography.

Elspeth Farmer, 618 Wildwood, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 856.9826. email: elspethfarmer@mindspring.com. Elspeth has worked as a federal public defender. She is a visiting scholar at Stanford Law School and Institute for Research on Women & gender. Currently raising 3 children. Hobbies: swimming. **

Deborah Gordon, 365 Lakeview Way, Redwood City, CA 94062. Phone: 367-8272. Deborah is a Professor of Biology at Stanford.

Cathy Kroyman, 1 Somerset Place, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 321-4133. Cathy serves on the PAUSD Board and is Treasurer for both the Palo Alto Endowment Fund and ASDH. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and is on the Advisory Board of Adolescent Counseling Services. Hobbies: reading, gardening.

Aysen Kutlu, 840 Kipling Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 322.7520. email: akser@earthlink.net. Aysen is a software engineer and has been a partner at Eureka! Computing Solutions. She is active in the University South Neighborhood Assn. Hobbies: hiking, folkdancing, travel, and world cinema. **

Marsha Lowther, 579 Jefferson, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 325-3181. email: mlowther@hotmail.com. Marsha is Director of National Accounts at WorkCard Inc. She is a member of Junior League. Hobbies: gardening, music, sports. **

Susan Mac Dermid, 737-6 Loma Verde, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 213-8000. Susan is Past President of Modern Media Japan and has 10 years in international marketing and e-commerce management. She served as Governor of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, VP Toastmasters, and Board of PACC. Hobbies: travel, wine, Japanese gardens, Buddhist art.

Lolly Osborne, 887 Loma Verde Court, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 494-7207. Lolly worked in her family business, Fasani Carpets. She was part of the Paly Sports Boosters and PTA. She is active in the Delta Gamma Sorority Blind Projects. Hobbies: walking, hiking, tennis, biking.

Elena Smirnov, 21 Willow Road #20, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Phone: 327-3972. Elena is an Insurance Specialist and Financial Representative. She is active in her church, Toastmasters, Palo Alto Tennis Club, Business & Professional Women, and Sweet Adelines. Hobbies: tennis, choir singing, hiking, and reading. **

Bonnie Street, 1146 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 327-0220. Bonnie is a teacher at Addison School. She's a member of ASDH, Junior League, and PTA. Hobbies: gardening, travel.

*** Needs to be presented to Board*

Philanthropy Committee

Planning meeting for the fund-raising event on May 16
(wine with Paul Draper of Ridge Vineyards!)

Tuesday, April 9, at the Clubhouse at 5 p.m.—the same time as the Drop-In Social, so when we're done, we can join the fun.



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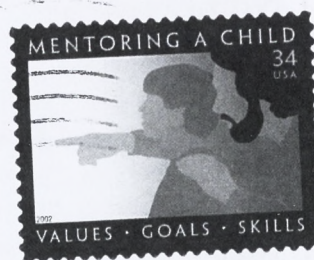
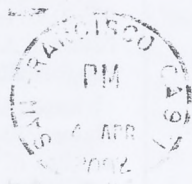
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Horticultural Talk and Board Elections

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2002 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

A year has now passed since Julie and I became Co-Presidents. What a

year! We are very excited that we are fully subscribed and now have a waiting list. Kudos to all of you who brought guests who became members. We want to remind you, however, that we want you to continue to bring your friends, as we will be taking new members in on a first come, first serve basis.

Julie and I want to thank all of you who took your time to help with the luncheons, dinners, Tuesday evening socials and all important phoning. And, of course, the hard working committees—House and Grounds, History, Philanthropy; our wonderful Board, with special thanks to Margaret Feuer as Rental Chair, Emily Renzel as Membership chair, and Anne Ercolani as treasurer; and Carol Hubenthal, who gets this Newsletter out so efficiently, and Sue Kemp who enlivens our gatherings with music; the list could keep growing and I'd still leave someone off. What's important is that each of you has made a contribution and we are where we are today because of the efforts of all. Thank you so very much!

The Philanthropy Committee is planning a wine tasting social on May 16 with the winemaker from Ridge Winery, Paul Draper. Be sure and send your reservations early as we will only have a limited number of tickets to the event. Do bring friends, spouse or partner, and call Carolyn Emmerson (328-2688) with questions or for further details. Our May luncheon is on Wednesday, May 15th. The program features Stephen Miller, talking about design traditions with Oriental rugs. Susie Richardson, with able assistance from Annette Glanckopf and Connie Fasani and the May "Team", is planning our meal. Hope all of you can attend.

Sarah & Julie.



Wednesday, May 15
at noon

*East Meets West: Design
Traditions With Oriental Rugs*
by Stephen Miller of Stephen Miller
Gallery, Menlo Park

Board Installations

11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and
12:30 Program

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY SANDY EAKINS

Look Inside!



History Corner,
Book Club, Philanthropy Committee

Book Group



Tuesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

Palace Walk by Naguib Mafouz

A member of the book group, Anne Firth Murray, founder of the Global Fund for Women who has been teaching a Stanford class on women's health issues worldwide, led us to this book, which was on her supplemental reading list. I felt surprised that I had never heard of Mafouz, although he won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Palace Walk is about a Muslim family in Cairo in the early 1900s. They are a tyrannical father, a mother who has not been out of the house for twenty-five years, except for rare visits to her mother accompanied by her husband, three sons and two daughters. The legal right of the father and husband to imprison the women in the family is amply portrayed. The excellence of the book is partly in the author's ability to describe very different personalities and how they deal with their circumstances, without seeming either to approve or condemn them, the government, or the culture.

The last part of the book puts the family into the context of the rebellion of Egyptian people against the British Protectorate. The book helps explain conditions in the Middle East, which was part of our reason for choosing it. *Palace Walk* was first published in Arabic in 1956.

Discussion leader, Carla Gwosden

Refreshments, Anne Ercolani

New members always welcome.

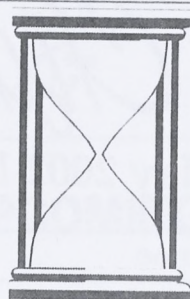
Jeanne McDonnell

June 25, *Dance Night* in the collection, *Dawn Powell* at *Her Best*.

RECIPE FOR SALAD NICOISE, served April 17th (adapted from *Healthy Cooking* published by the California Culinary Academy)

2 cups diced red potatoes, skins intact	* teaspoon ground pepper
1/3 cup Greek olives, pitted	1 head lettuce
3 tablespoons olive oil	4 ounces water-packed tuna, drained
1 * tablespoons apple cider vinegar	1 cup diagonally cut green beans or asparagus
1 teaspoon herbal salt substitute	1 cup sliced red bell pepper

Steam potatoes in a large pot until tender. Place olives, olive oil, cider vinegar, salt substitute, and pepper in a blender and puree. Pour over potatoes and let marinate 40 minutes. Wash and dry lettuce and arrange on a platter. Toss tuna, beans, and bell pepper with potatoes and marinade, then spoon over lettuce. Serve at room temperature. Serves 4.



History Corner

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gilbert and the Library

On April 28th a birthday party was held to celebrate the Palo Alto Library's 100th birthday. Appropriately, this event was co-sponsored by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto which was responsible for establishing the early library system. Two Woman's Club members closely connected to that establishment were Mary Grafton Campbell and Julia R. Gilbert.

Dr. Mary Campbell was president of the Woman's Club from 1894, when the club was organized, until 1898. She arrived in Palo Alto from Chicago at a time when a group of Palo Alto women decided to use the constitution of the Chicago Woman's Club as their model. Mrs. Campbell had been a member of the Chicago club, was knowledgeable about its work, and enthusiastically became involved in starting a similar club in Palo Alto. Among her many interests was the establishment of a library in the new town. In the November 25, 1913 *Palo Alto Times*, Julia Gilbert described Mrs. Campbell "as a woman of broad culture, wide experience and great native ability. She was a natural social leader, but her life was so dominated by her altruistic philosophy that common society triumphs had little attraction for her. Instead she gave herself first to her home and husband, and next to the serious scientific work she had undertaken in the university (Stanford). Beyond these all she had and was were given freely to the development and uplift of Palo Alto. The things she foresaw she worked for until they became accomplished facts. When the ambitious but poverty-stricken reading room needed funds she reassured us — and went out and begged the needed money. She talked of the day when Palo Alto would have its own free public library, and toward that end she worked unceasingly. No appreciation of Mrs. Campbell's character would be complete that failed to speak of her great mother-heart. Losing her own baby she gave love and care to many children - thirteen girls and boys of other mothers she reared in part or fully. The Woman's Club and the library stand as her memorials in Palo Alto."

Julia Ringgold Hughes Gilbert, president of the Woman's Club from 1902-1904, came to Palo Alto in 1891 when her husband Professor Charles Gilbert became one of the original faculty at Stanford. After living on the campus for several years the Gilberts built their house, still standing, at 433 Melville Avenue. Prior to her marriage Julia Gilbert

History Committee



Tuesday May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

History Corner continued

had been a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent of high schools in Indiana. She was involved with the Palo Alto Woman's Club from its founding in 1894. The establishment of a town library was of particular interest to her. She was an active participant in the growth of the library and its management under both the Woman's Club and the City of Palo Alto. Except for one year when she was abroad, she served on the City's Library Board of Trustees from June 1903 until two weeks before her death in 1916. In turning the Woman's Club library over to the city in 1902, she commented that it had been a constant effort to study the peculiar needs of the town, and to meet those needs without reference to the stock plans of the usual Library. No book went on the shelves until it had been investigated from that point of view, after the literary quality and moral tone had been passed upon. She stated that special care was given to selection of Juveniles and Fiction as the classes of literature reaching the largest number, and having the widest influence for good or ill. Seven years after her death, her services to the library were recognized with a brass plaque over the fireplace in the new annex of the Carnegie Library. The brass plaque read, "To Julia R. Gilbert, Constant source of inspiration to the library from its beginning and for seventeen years a trustee this fireplace is dedicated in loving appreciation for her unfailing service". The Carnegie Library is now gone, but the brass plaque may still be seen on top of the Palo Alto Historical Association files at the Newell Street library.

In addition to her commitment to the Woman's Club and the library system she also organized the Palo Alto Civic League in 1911 when women in California obtained the right to vote.

Carol Murden



WHAT IS REAL WINE?

*A talk on wine-making by Paul Draper,
CEO and Winemaker for Ridge Winery*

Thursday, May 16, 2002

5:30 to 7:30 PM

There also will be a tasting of Ridge wines and appetizers, sponsored by the Philanthropy Committee.

Cost: \$25 per couple; \$15 per person

RSVP to Carolyn Emmerson,
650/328-2688

If you would like to help, that would be great. Paul is one of the foremost Vintners in the country, if not the world. He is much in demand, and rarely gives talks in his own neighborhood. Bring your husband, bring a friend. It should be a superb evening!



Membership Corner

Dues notices went out in early April and it will be my intent to send just the one notice. Those who have not renewed by May 31 will be considered resigned and persons on the waitlist will be presented to the Board in order of their receipt. Article IV,

Section 3 allows reinstatement of lapsed members within 18 months, so we will probably have to give them priority on the waiting list.

On behalf of the Club, the Philanthropy Committee is pleased to announce the 2002 recipients in our annual giving program. The committee received 24 nominations from members, all of them organizations that provide excellent community service. Choosing among them was a difficult challenge.

The recipients, each of which will receive \$1,500, are **Clara Mateo Alliance**, which provides shelter and supportive services for those in need, with 63 shelter beds, plus 6 rooms for families; this month CMA is opening the Elsa Segovia Center, a new day center for women, children, and families; services are offered in cooperation with a number of local organizations.

Ecumenical Hunger Program, which provides services to the needy; programs include food boxes and a Monday night meal (at St. Francis Assisi), financial support, used furniture, a clothes closet, and mentoring.

EPA Kids, which gives grants to teachers in East Palo Alto and East Menlo for classroom enrichment, mainly for books, supplies, and field trips; grants are available twice a year and are overseen by an all-volunteer board and grant review committee.

Foundation for a College Education, which offers support to students of color (especially those who would be first in their family to go to college) in completing high school and gaining college admission; there is also a retention program to support those who have started college (28 so far).

Midpeninsula Girls Club, which provides a safe and enriching space for East Palo Alto and East Menlo girls ages 6-13; about 50 girls attend each day; programs include dance, computers, music, sewing, writing, and homework assistance.

Music in the Schools (now formally Music Teachers Association of California - Palo Alto Branch Foundation), which funds a music teacher for grades K-3 and a chorus program for grades 4-6 at Costano School in East Palo Alto.

YES Reading, which offers a literacy program for kids of all cultures in grades 2-8 who are having difficulty learning to read; its reading center at Belle Haven School currently serves 137 children with volunteer tutors and a paid coordinator. (The program has been so successful that the group now hopes to develop a plan to franchise to other communities.)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 7- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, May 1 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, May 21- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

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PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002, 5:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Julie Jerome at 5:10.

Present: Julie Jerome, Sharon Small, Margaret Fourn, Christine Chambers, The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Absent: Charlie Donald, Edie Pearson, Jane Petersen, Louise Parnell, Sarah French, Elie Vanderwaert

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Minutes

The April and May minutes were read and approved.

June 2002 - May 2003

Treasurer's Report: Anne Br... 2001-2002 was \$72,447. The income total was \$67,714, with a net of \$1,793. The bank balances as of 5/31/02 are: checking \$10,025, money market \$24,449, cd \$27,822, philanthropy \$7,705 for a total of \$70,001. These figures are subject to minor adjustments as receipts are still coming in. She also introduced the budget for the upcoming year.

Proposed Budget for 2002-2003:

INCOME

Carryover from prior year	\$5,450
Fundraising	0
Interest income	1,400
Lunches	2,500 (70 people @ 25 each @ \$2)
Membership dues	10,375 (719 @ \$14)
Rental income	2,000 (\$2,000 June-Dec, @ \$2,000 Jan-May)

Total income

Presidents
Sarah French
Julie Jerome

EXPENSES

Ads	1,100 (Cover costs for guide plus yellow pages)
Bank fees	100
Building rent	0
Commuting/Production	0
Dues	0
Party permits	200
Cardinals	2,000 (Secretary plus plus/plus)
History committee	200
House & Grounds	15,000
House Maintenance	2,100
Household Supplies	2,700
Insurance	2,000
Philanthropy	5,000 (Secretary plus \$400 extra per event)
Travel costs	2,000 (Secretary plus \$100/mo maintenance)
Miscellaneous	500

Secretary
Sharon Small

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Jerome at 5:10.

Present: Julie Jerome, Wanda Cavanaugh, Fran Titterton, Sharon Small, Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Emily Renzel, Anne Ercolani

Absent: Cherie Donald, Enid Pearson, Jana Stevens, Connie Fasani, Sarah French, Ella Vandervoort

The April and May minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Ercolani reported that the income total for 2001-2002 was \$72,827. The expenses total was \$67,034, with a net of \$5,793. The bank balances as of 5/31/02 are: checking-\$16,025, money market-\$24,849, cd-\$27,822, philanthropy-\$7,705 for a total of \$76,401. These figures are subject to minor adjustments as receipts are still coming in. She also introduced the budget for the upcoming year.

Proposed budget for 2002-2003:

INCOME

Carryover from prior year	\$5,435	
Fundraising	-0-	
Interest income	1,400	
Luncheons	3,500	(70 people x 10 mo. x \$5)
Membership dues	10,500	(210 x \$50)
Rental income	52,200	(2/month @ \$2,050 June-Dec, @ \$2,350 Jan-May)
Total income	73,035	

EXPENSES

Ads	1,100	(here comes the guide plus yellow pages)
Bank fees	100	
Building fund	1,200	
Convention/Federation	500	
Dues	3,050	(225 @\$13.50)
Fees/permits	200	
Gardener	2,300	(monthly plus plantings)
History committee	300	
House & Grounds	15,600	
House Maintenance	3,145	
Household supplies	1,200	
Insurance	3,000	
Janitorial	5,600	(monthly plus \$40 extra per event)
Luncheons	2,500	(\$150/mo plus \$100/mo entertainment)
Miscellaneous	500	

Newsletter/yearbook	3,000	
Office expenses	600	
Philanthropy	7,000	
Professional accountant	1,440	
Real Estate taxes	2,000	
Refunds	12,000	(\$500 deposit/event)
Telephone	1,700	
Utilities	5,000	
Total expenses	73,035	

6/5/2002

Net carryover to next year -0-

Discussion of items:

Margaret suggested raising the rental fee now to \$1800. It is presently \$1550, including the janitor's fee of \$50. Julie suggested we raise the price for 2003 and inform the guide in September, so that our published fee will match our verbal information. Here Comes the Guide is published every two years. We agreed to raise the fee for January 2003.

Joan Holland wants \$500 for the history committee. They are interested in buying a plaque. It was decided to give them the budgeted \$300. If they actually buy the plaque, they can request additional money.

The yearly luncheon budget is \$2,500. This includes \$150/month for luncheon chairs (\$1500/year), and \$100/month for entertainment fees (\$1000). Gwen Barry would like \$25/month for Tuesday night social expenses (\$250/year).

The finance committee suggested ways to raise income.

- Increase luncheon prices from \$3 to \$5.

- Raise rental to \$1800

- Raise number of members

- Raise yearly dues \$10/member

- Hold two fundraisers/year

Passed (Shambora, Feuer) to raise luncheon fee to \$5.00 for all members.

Renzel opposed.

Passed (Shambora, Cavanaugh) to adopt the proposed budget as amended.

Rentals: Margaret reported rental income of \$3,675 this month. The caterer who proposed renting our kitchen has not been in touch. Margaret led a discussion of wood floor care. Prospective renters are put off by the appearance of the floors. The maple floor becomes dirty very quickly after screening (light sanding). It was suggested that we have professional, deep cleanings and use windex or vinegar for light mopping instead of simple green. Presently, the finish is water-based. We could consider a urethane or other coating.

6.5.2002

Membership: Emily reported that 220 members have renewed their memberships. Five members did not renew: Stacey Archbell, Linh Nguyen, Lucy Quimby, Laurose Richter, and Donna Wilson. Kenna Helms, a former member, wishes to be reinstated. We have four openings for new members.

Passed (Renzel, Feuer) to admit four new members: Maritza Frankfurt, 2109 Columbia Street, Palo Alto; Betsy Laster, 1711 Webster Street, Palo Alto; Paula Sandas, 2140 Columbia Street, Palo Alto; Isabel Waters, 401 Webster Street #207, Palo Alto.

Philanthropy: Ellen will present checks to recipients at the June luncheon.

House and Grounds: Emily reported for Jana. The stove and cabinets were cleaned. New trays were purchased to replace the ones that were stolen. The carpet for the entry foyer has arrived. The built-in cabinetry in office is progressing, and the mirror in the bride's room has been ordered. The fence line will be moved on June 17 to reflect the boundaries established by the survey. Caroline Willis has ordered new curtains to be placed inside office doors. We had an informal poll to select fabric for the window seat.

Emily reported a concern about security. As you face the building from the outside, the left door isn't latching properly. Members with keys, please be sure that both doors are latched when you leave the building.

Sunshine: Emily reported for Ella that Dorothy Arbuckle had a heart attack. Ella and Emily sent cards. Betty Bonn would like visitors.

Other Business: Julie suggested that we establish an Events Committee to organize fundraising. There will be signups in June for different committee work. We need a board member to chair the luncheon program committee. Sarah would like to increase evening meetings. Emily noted that the night cleanup for Tom is difficult (10 loads of dishes).

The Woman's Club Federation is going online. No web address yet.

Passed (Cavanaugh) to have three meetings a year in the evening: December, February and May.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Board Retreat

August 10, 2002

Presidents Julie Jerome and Sarah French

Woman,s Club Retreat Notes
August 10, 2002

Theme: Celebrate our success and share our ideas for the future.

Attendees: Wanda Cavanaugh, Anne Ercolani, Emily Renzel, Enid Pearson, Sharon Small, Iris Korol, Jana Stevens, Chris Votegeer (guest presenter), Christine Shambora, Celiene O'Hara, Cherie Donald, Margaret Feurer, Sarah French, Julie Jerome. Facilitator: Jeanne Althouse

Agree on Desired Outcomes:

- Develop ideas about how to serve meals for so many.
- Brainstorm the pros and cons of increasing our allowed number of members.
- Discuss the long-term needs for House & Grounds and ideas for budget.
- Make a list of alternative recommendations for uses of the Club building to raise money.
- Develop preliminary up-front budget guidelines for the Events fundraising effort.

Additional Suggested Outcomes:

- Discuss hiring an on-site manager
- Brainstorm opportunities to support women individually or globally.

"What we are most proud of:

- Intergenerational mixing
- Connection with other Woman,s Clubs in the country
- Mixing at lunch with new people, helping women make new friends
- Philanthropy~contributions to worthy causes
- Energy, atmosphere, diversity, low-key feeling, "real people"
- Mix of business women and stay-at-home Moms
- Community of women, a "home", a forum to come together, "sisterhood"
- Heritage in every aspect, rich history
- Respect for our oldest members
- Revitalizing, energizing the club

Presentation on Redecoration of the Foyer by Chris Votegeer.

House & Grounds Discussion

Agree on policy: Consider rental attractiveness first, then use by club.

Renters complain about:

- Chairs
- Parking
- Dismal entry (always change reception area)
- Want air conditioning

What renters like most:

- Beautiful historic building
- Location in downtown
- Completely private: don't share with anyone

What we (the Club) want most (top priority):

- Remodel kitchen (the "look", cosmetic update) (2 votes)
- Enhance the foyer (8 votes)
- Repaint the ballroom, foyer, fireplace room (1 vote)

What we want "next" (second priority):

- Need a plan for regular refurbishing (painting etc.)
- Screen on stage rehung
- Men,s Room (toilet, floor)
- Refinishing floors

Consider the budget (reserve vs. enhancements vs. regular maintenance):

- \$26K emergencies
- \$15.5 for enhancements
- \$3.5 for maintenance

ACTION ITEM: Need to clarify definitions and what fits in each category

ACTION ITEM: House & Ground Committee will make a plan/budget for expected

maintenance with a contingency for unexpected items. Agreed on 1-3 year time

frame for plan.

Conclusions House & Grounds Discussion:

ACTION ITEMS:

We agree:

- To document what,s been done
- Develop a 3-year plan
- Develop budget estimates to go along with the plan
- Do Fundraising if we need more money
- Consider a task force to get the Foyer "done"
- Evaluate assigning someone to oversee "regular" maintenance

"How to Serve Meals for So Many" Discussion

Issues:

- Maintaining ambience
- Ways to Mix More
- Flow to food too slow
- Having enough food
- Clearing tables (having a system)
- Collecting money

- Lunch Chair "bails"
- Lack of direction
- Lack of Communication
- Too many don,t participate
- Can be expensive for lunch team members

Ideas for Improvement (contributed individually on post-its notes)
(duplicates also recorded):

- Catering services
- Use Catering services
- Serve on real plates and no paper plates~keep club an "elegant" lunch
- Reduce size of committees
- Budget for each lunch
- Plan for 90-100 people to attend to be sure of enough food
- Tea, water, coffee and desert if possible, on tables
- Purchase main dish and committee provide "side dishes" and deserts
- 2 Committee Chairs and instruction on what,s expected
- Backup for committee chair
- Develop a book with guidelines and a cookbook for large quantity cooking
- Communicate with and involve all committee members
- Be clear about number and size of portions so that food is better estimated
- (communication by chair)
- Separate cleanup committee and chair from food providers
- Have luncheon meal co-chairs
- Simplify menus so people don,t take too long choosing food
- Keep menu simple
- Set up night before
- Develop map of cabinets contents (List of Contents inside each cabinet door)
- Committee actually places food on plates for people
- Double lines, double servers
- Additional buffet tables
- Multiple serving lines

ACTION ITEMS: Communicate new guidelines to improve lunch to Committee Chair
(including multiple serving lines).

ACTION ITEM: "Require" members to participate in lunches; evaluate raising
the cost of not participating; communicate the need to participate to new members, re-enforce to existing members.
Pros and cons of increasing Membership discussion:

Issue: Ill feelings, some denied, arbitrary number (225), 15 on waiting list

Pros (increase)

- Could add 50 people and not impact lunches
- Temporarily raise limit, see what happens
- Issue of discrimination, could go to catered lunches

Cons (don,t increase)

- Serving lunches to too many (90 out of 225 usually come)
- Increase dues, eliminate some

- Write explanatory letter to wait-listed people
- News article with reason for limit
- Explore different ideas than lunch
- Weed out inactive members
- Communicate "commitment"
- Mail newsletter to waiting list

ACTION: Write explanatory letter to people on waiting list; mail newsletter to waiting list.

Events/Fundraising Discussion

Ideas: Tea party (Mothers/Daughters), Women,s Speaker Event, Joan Baez,

Art Exhibit, Organize singles dances which would charge an entrance fee (from

Celiene O,Hara who had to leave).

Other ideas: Use Sponsor, Underwriters.

Consider no more than "x" (to be determined) events per year

Mix big and small events

Focus on "social" fun aspects, and gathering together.

ACTION: Plan/budget for events to be approved in advance by Board.

Woman's Club Retreat
Summary

August 10, 2002

House and Grounds discussion

Action: Budget for emergencies, enhancements, maintenance
Document what has been/is being done
Fundraise if more money needed
Get foyer done

Meals for up to 100

Plan for 100 to ensure enough food
As much as possible on tables
Develop a book of information and guidelines
Keep menus simple to reduce time through lines
Multiple serving lines
✓ Cabinet chart for kitchen

Fundraising

Develop preliminary budgets for board approval

Membership

Pros and cons of increased membership

Important budget information

Organization net worth:	\$88,000
Building fund	\$37,000
Philanthropy	\$4500
House & Grounds fundraising	\$11,000
Operating reserves	\$35,000

The adopted budget assumes \$30,000 net income from rentals. It costs about \$48,000 to run the club as we have been doing. So fundraising and/or increased rentals are essential to provide sufficient money for house improvement and for philanthropy.

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 4, 2002

NEXT MEETING October 2, 2002, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 by Julie Jerome and Sarah French.

Present: Wanda Cavanaugh, Pat Davis, Connie Fasani, Emily Renzel, Christine Shambora, Margaret Feuer, Anne Ercolani, Julie Jerome, Sarah French, Cherie Donald, Sharon Small

Absent: Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Jana Stevens, Fran Titterton

The June 2002 minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report-- Anne reported that our total current assets, July 31, 2002, are \$74,260.00.

Membership-- Emily reported that we are in a steady state with a full membership of 225. There are 13 women wait listed, and we are still taking names.

Events Committee-- Pat Parrish Davis, the events committee chair, was introduced. She had several questions for the group. What have been our past fundraising activities? What is the budget for this year's activities?

9. 4. 2002

Past fundraising events include-- fashion show, garage sales, made-in-China art show, Christmas crafts fair, Festa Italia wine and food tasting (netted \$1600 and provided two scholarships to Hidden Villa), and Ridge Winery wine tasting (netted \$750). No funds are specifically set aside for fundraising events, but we can draw from our reserves.

Our goal is to increase our philanthropy fund from \$7,000 a year to \$10,000 a year, and raise money for improvements to house and grounds.

We brainstormed ideas for fundraising activities. Possible events include: New Year's Eve Party with a hired band, piano concert and wine tasting, speakers' panel (Barbara Foster might help), Thanksmas party, New Year's Day brunch, Kentucky Derby Day Party, Oscar Party, women speakers, (i.e. female politician, female athlete, etc.) spring forum series, community service speakers, and mother daughter tea (Rosemary Stevens might help). The card game, Bunco, was enthusiastically endorsed. We could charge to play, and have everyone bring a white elephant.

Julie noted that it would be nice to establish a fundraising tradition. It was suggested that perhaps we could revive our most successful fundraiser, Festa Italia. Barbara Carlitz and Lydia Pugliese organized this. Wine was donated from Vin, Vino, Wine, and there were many donations of excellent food.

Rentals-- Margaret reported on monies collected this summer. In the period July 5 - September 5, the amount \$13,500 was collected. She expects \$52,000 to be earned in rentals this year.

House and Grounds-- Jana was absent. She would like to schedule a meeting of her committee at the end of September to discuss a two year plan. Our board room window seat cushion arrived. The floors were professionally cleaned and waxed.

Sunshine-- Ella was absent. Christine saw Ella's sister's name in the obituary column. Connie will send a sympathy card.

9.4.2002

Passed (Feuer, Renzel) to make a \$50 donation to philanthropy in honor of Ella Vandervoort's sister who passed away.

Passed (Renzel, Feuer) to make a \$50 donation to philanthropy in honor of Julie Jerome's mother who passed away.

Honorary Member-- There is a 20 year membership requirement to be eligible. Emily reported that no one is in line for this currently.

Other Business-- Announcements will be sent out by email this year. Dorothy Arbuckle would like to call non-email members. Elizabeth Wright and Ella Vandervoort do not have email. An honorarium of \$100 will be paid to Audrey for the graphic design layout of our directory. She is not a member and she doesn't charge.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Woman's Club 2002 - 2003 Schedule

September:

Wednesday, 4th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 10th; Social
Wednesday, 18th; Lunch

October:

Wednesday, 2nd; Board meeting
Tuesday, 8th; Social
Wednesday, 16th; Lunch

November:

Wednesday, 6th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 12th; Social
Wednesday, 20th; Lunch
[Thanksgiving is the 28th]

December:

Wednesday, 4th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 10th; Social
Wednesday, 19th; Dinner

January:

Wednesday, 8th; Board meeting
[the 1st is New Years Day]
Tuesday, 14th; Social
Wednesday, 15th; Lunch

February:

Wednesday, 5th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 11th; Social
Wednesday, 19th; Dinner

March:

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Wednesday, 5th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 11th; Social
Wednesday, 19th; Lunch

April:

Wednesday, 2nd; Board meeting
Tuesday, 8th; Social
Wednesday, 16th; Lunch

May:

Wednesday, 7th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 13th; Social
Wednesday, 21st; Dinner

June:

Wednesday, 4th; Board meeting
Tuesday, 10th; Social
Wednesday, 18th; Lunch

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2002

NEXT MEETING - November 6, 2002 - 5:00 p.m.

Julie called the meeting to order at 5:08.

Present: Julie Jerome, Anne Ercolani, Connie Fasani, Christine Shambora, Wanda Cavanaugh, Jana Stevens, Margaret Feuer, Frances Titterton, Emily Renzel, Cherie Donald, Sharon Small

Absent: Sarah French, Ella Vandervoort, Enid Pearson

The September 2002 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Anne reported that our current assets, August 31, 2002, are \$76,968.94. The yearbooks cost \$5.00 each and the newsletter costs \$1.00 each per month.

Rentals - Margaret reported that the monies received for the month of September 2002 were \$3,900.00. It was noted that the phone book lists the number of the pay phone. It rings at inopportune times. It was suggested that the number not be published or that the pay phone be taken out. The cost of the pay phone is \$56.60 a month, \$700.00 for the year. Jana suggested a trial period without it. Her company could help us with this.

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Julie informed us of an audit review by Lanie Wheeler, who examined the accounting records for 6/1/01 - 5/31/02. Lanie looked for appropriate backup for checks and deposits, and that income had been categorized. She was pleased to see that cash accounts were reconciled on a regular basis.

House and Grounds - Jana reported that they are moving ahead with their retreat mandate, to create a record of what's been done, and to develop a future plan. She received a final bill from Kevin, which was \$1800.00 more than expected. However, it did cover details that were added after the initial agreement. House and grounds has used all the money it was budgeted. She would like to support the creation of a separate committee for maintenance, which was suggested at the retreat. The chair of the maintenance committee could be a member of house and grounds. It was suggested that Jana inquire at a luncheon whether anyone would like to be part of this new committee.

Christine mentioned that the deterioration of the exterior door on stage is a security issue and that it should be repaired or replaced.

Julie suggested that we plant a blooming rose bush in honor of our new members. There were too many new members to give out individual roses, as we've done in the past. Mary McCullough keeps an eye on the garden for us. She may be willing to select a rose plant.

Events Committee - Julie informed us that Pat Davis and the events committee have scheduled three social events for the coming year. Sunday, January 5 will be a family pancake breakfast to celebrate the new year. Sunday, February 1 will be a bunko, potluck, white elephant party. April will feature a wine tasting party, date to be announced.

Sunshine - Ella is ill with the flu. Connie will send a get well card. Dorothy mentioned that the outreach van took a long time to pick her up.

Other Business - The clubhouse will be a polling place on November 5.

We can again place a minimum order of \$435.00 with See's and get gift certificates for candy. With this order we also become eligible to buy

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bulk candy at the Redwood City store. You need to present a Woman's Club membership card to purchase.

We adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small

PWOC BOARD MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2002

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2002, 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 by Julie Jerome and Sarah French.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Anne Erickson-Fran Thierston, Margaret Fesser, Christine Shembora, Wanda Cavanaugh, Connie Fessari, Emily Renzai, Sharon Small

Absent: Charlie Donald, Gold Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Jane Stevens

The minutes from the October 2002 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Anne reported that our assets as of September 30, 2002, are \$78,385.03. She is preparing an estimate of how much the club spends on each member a year. There are different ways to calculate this. One way uses a formula of yearbook, newsletter and luncheon costs for an estimate of \$55.00 a year. Another way uses the above costs as well as those costs for membership fees to the Federation, insurance, real estate tax, and maintenance. With this information we can evaluate yearly

PAWC BOARD MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2002

NEXT MEETING December 4, 2002, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 by Julie Jerome and Sarah French.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Anne Ercolani, Fran Titterton, Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Wanda Cavanaugh, Connie Fasani, Emily Renzel, Sharon Small

Absent: Cherie Donald, Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Jana Stevens

The minutes from the October 2002 meeting were approved.

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membership dues. We can discuss setting our dues based on an estimate of how much we spend on each member yearly.

Membership-- Emily noted there are 16 women on the wait list. Christine suggested a note to woman who never attend, asking if they are still interested in maintaining their membership. Former member Christine Logan asked to be reinstated.

Passed (Renzel, Ercolani) to reinstate Christine Logan.

Rentals-- Margaret reported that rental income from October 2002 was \$6,975.00. She asked that Emily give us a lesson in how to turn on the oven and that Emily write up a procedure note and post it near the oven. At a recent wedding the caterer could not turn it on. The renters asked for \$1000 of deposit money back, due to the inconvenience. Margaret returned \$250 to them.

There was a discussion of our current liability insurance and whether \$5000 per person medical coverage was adequate. Many places charge an insurance fee in addition to the rental fee. Sarah suggested contacting Gamble Garden to find out what company they use, how much they charge, and whether their board has a liability policy.

House and Grounds-- Margaret reported for Jana that work continues on developing a three year plan. Emily will chair the maintenance committee with help from Carol Kiparsky and Lynn Chiapella.

Sunshine-- Emily attended an auction at member Phoebe Seagrave's house. She acquired pictures of Phoebe and the book, Parliamentary Rules for Women's Club (1902). She will share this with the history committee. Phoebe was one of the first women to get an MBA from Stanford.

Boots had back surgery. Jean Bacigalupi passed away. A card will be sent to her family.

Passed (Jerome, Renzel) to make a \$50 donation to philanthropy in honor of

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Jean Bacigalupi.

Christine reported that the PAUSD takes on private printing jobs. Their prices are considerably better than other printing companies. The newsletter will be printed by them in future.

Luncheons-- It was decided that we plan for 100 guests. Eleven tables with 9 places should be set. Fill coffee makers to the top, and place full pots on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Treasury's Report-- Anne reported that our assets, October 31, 2002, are \$71,307.00. There was a discussion of what expenses our dues should cover. Anne supplied a chart of member dues. The base cost per member is \$40.00. This includes bank fees, information fees, dues, history committee supplies, luncheons, newsletter, yearbook and postage. The cost per member increases to \$142.75 when expenses for gardeners, house maintenance, house supplies, insurance, janitor, telephone, and utilities are added to the base cost. It was decided that dues do not cover the yearly building fund contribution of \$1,700.00 or the philanthropy contribution of \$7,000.00 since rental income offsets these expenses. Sarah suggested that the costs of membership should be reported in the newsletter.

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PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, DECEMBER 4, 2002

NEXT MEETING January 8, 2003, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Jerome and Sarah French at 5:10.

Present: Jana Stevens, Enid Pearson, Connie Fasani, Christine Shambora, Emily Renzel, Fran Titterton, Anne Ercolani, Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Sharon Small

Absent: Wanda Cavanaugh, Cherie Donald, Ella Vandervoort, Margaret Feuer

The November 2002 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-- Anne reported that our assets, October 31, 2002, are \$71,307.00. There was a discussion of what expenses our dues should cover.

Anne supplied a chart of member costs. The base cost per member is \$46.00. This includes bank fees, federation fees, dues, history committee supplies, luncheons, newsletter, yearbook and postage. The cost per member

increases to \$142.16 when expenses for gardener, house maintenance, house

supplies, insurance, janitor, telephone, and utilities are added to the base cost. It was decided that dues do not cover the yearly building fund contribution of \$1,200.00 or the philanthropy contribution of \$7,000.00 since rental income offsets these expenses. Sarah suggested that the costs

of membership should be reported in the newsletter.

Our assets are stable. We have a \$28,000.00 building fund reserve, built ^{12.4.2002} by setting aside \$1,200.00 yearly for the past few years.

Rentals-- The rental income for November 2002 was \$6,900.00. For non-profit rentals we charge \$250.00 deposit if the rental takes place within 2 months of the reservation. Enid pointed out that the 501c3 code does not specify the amount that must be contributed yearly by an organization with this status.

House and Grounds-- It was noted that there are \$4,500.00 in house and grounds. Jana reported that the floors were machine cleaned over the Thanksgiving weekend. Two new binders are being created to illustrate the three year plan. Christine suggested an article be written for the newsletter about the plan. Irrigation needs a person to take charge. Lynn Chiapella will plant a rose along the fence for spring. The fireplace will be painted in keeping with the age of the house. Bill Frank (recommended by Margaret) gave an estimate of \$2,500.00 for repairs to the stage door. He will add a hand rail, awning, and steel door. He'll also do the gutter work, replace skylight and repair kitchen door. Enid pointed out that fiberglass doors are superior to wood and steel.

Passed (Shambora, French) to increase the maintenance budget to include \$2,500.00 for Bill Frank's work.

Sunshine-- Connie will send a card to Ella who took a fall.

Other Business-- We should price the yearbook with the district. It's present size makes it expensive. An 8" x 11" yearbook will be cheaper for PAUSD to print. Our intercom system needs to be replaced. It's difficult to hear speakers. Directors and Officers insurance will be researched. Connie will report for ASDH and Enid will report for non-profit companies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

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explaining what expenses are covered by dues and what by rentals. It was proposed that we add a line to our dues notice for donations.
Rentals- The rental monies received from December 2002 were \$3,875.00. Margaret noted that rentals have been slow. She would like to spend \$20.00 on a calling card to conduct rental business.
PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, JANUARY 8, 2003

The next meeting will be February 5, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French at 5:10.

Present: Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Wanda Cavanaugh, Connie Fasani, Anne Ercolani, Margaret Feuer, Christine Shambora, Jana Stevens, Sharon Small

Absent: Emily Renzel, Cheri Donald, Ella Vandervoort, Enid Pearson, Fran Titterton

Treasurer's Report-- Anne reported that our assets November 30, 2002, are \$74,832.85. She described the cost of running the club. The cost of building upkeep, newsletters, luncheons, and yearbooks is \$138.00 per member. The cost of these items and philanthropy is \$175.00 per member. The yearly dues, \$50.00 for 210 dues-paying members, does not cover the cost of operating the house. Rentals do. Rentals cover the cost of building upkeep, philanthropy and improvements. For informational purposes, it was suggested that Anne write an article for the newsletter

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explaining what expenses are covered by dues and what by rentals. It was proposed that we add a line to our dues notice for donations.

Rentals-- The rental monies received from December 2002 were \$3,875.00. Margaret noted that rentals have been slow. She would like to spend \$20.00 on a calling card to conduct rental business.

Passed (French, Fasani) to approve the purchase of a \$20.00 calling card for rentals.

Whole Foods paid their rental in part with gift certificates worth \$600.00. We discussed keeping them as a lump sum for a fundraiser, offering to sell them to members, etc.

House & Grounds-- Jana reported that only a verbal quote had been given on repairs mentioned last month, and that a written quote was needed to start the work. This has been requested. She suggested visiting neighboring Women's Clubs (Redwood City and Santa Clara) to get an idea of how they operate. She noted that valves were replaced in the furnace, and vents in the club house and women's rest room.

Philanthropy-- Pat Davis is organizing our first Bunko fundraiser, February 2. Julie will send out a group email, and an announcement will be made at the Jan. luncheon.

Membership-- Julie suggested addressing the issue of our full membership when dues notices are sent out. The renewal letter could mention that we are pleased that our club has reached its maximum and that we do have a waiting list. Those who choose not to renew should contact Emily. Those who do not intend to be active, please consider making room for those on the waiting list. It was also proposed that we add a line for donations.

Nominating Committee-- Jeanne McDonald, Celiene O'Hara, Iris Korol, Annette Glanckopf, and Margaret Feuer were suggested. They must be present at the January luncheon to be nominated. Article X, p. 36 of the bylaws is the guide.

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Sunshine-- Mary Lorey is at Kaiser recovering from surgery. Dorothy Arbuckle and Betty Meltzer have major health problems. Connie will send cards.

Other Business-- Julie will write a report for the federation. She'll include topics like how many meetings were held, who our guest speakers were, and what philanthropy work has been done. Jean McCown is looking into Directors and Officers insurance. The possibility of charging renters \$150.00 insurance fee per event was mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Approved: Connie Fagan

The January 2002 minutes were approved with corrections.

Events-- Kudos to Pat Davis for the Bingo fundraiser. Her committee of Barry Peterson, Helen Pier, Sharon Fickner, Emily Fickner, Catherine O'Hara and Gaysa Jones organized a fun evening for all. 39 people attended. At the honor bar, wines were \$3.00 a glass, water and soda were \$1.00 a glass. Total expenses were \$278.00, money donations were \$305.00, and net earnings as of 2/2/03 were \$1,061.00. The money will increase our Philanthropy fund to about \$5,000. Next year, the invitation should be included in the newsletter. Pat hopes more board members will support it next year.

Philanthropy-- Iris Korol and her committee of Sue Kemp, Linda Anderson-Pape, Helen Pier, and Annette Ganschopf have received 20 nominations for funding. They have made a policy decision of not funding the same organization two years in a row. They look for local groups where

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PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

NEXT MEETING March 5, 2003, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French and Julie Jerome at 5:08.

Present: Anne Ercolani, Emily Renzel, Ella Vandervoort, Enid Pearson, Fran Titterton, Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Jana Stevens, Christine Shambora, Wanda Cavanaugh, Margaret Feuer, Sharon Small, Cherie Donald

Absent: Connie Fasani

The January 2002 minutes were approved with corrections.

Events-- Kudos to Pat Davis for the Bunco fundraiser. Her committee of Bunny Peterson, Helen Pier, Sharleen Fiddamen, Emily Renzel, Celiene O'Hara and Gaye Bruce organized a fun evening for all. 59 people attended. At the honor bar, wines were \$3.00 a glass, water and soda were \$1.00 a glass. Total expenses were \$278.00, money donations were \$305.00, and net earnings as of 2/2/03 were \$1,061.00. This money will increase our Philanthropy fund to about \$9,000. Next year, the invitation should be included in the newsletter. Pat hopes more board members will support it next year.

Philanthropy-- Iris Korol and her committee of Sue Kemp, Linda Anderson-Page, Helene Pier, and Annette Glanckopf have received 28 nominations for funding. They have made a policy decision of not funding the same organization two years in a row. They look for local groups where

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they can make a difference, particularly those involved with women, children, libraries, education and health. \$700 was not spent last year and was rolled over to this year.

Treasurer's Report-- Anne reported that our total assets as of December 31, 2002 were \$79,883.18.

Membership-- Emily noted that two members, Nancy Huber and Alison Cooper resigned. Helen Gracon, 747 Holly Oak, Palo Alto 94303, and Carroll Harrington, 830 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto, 94301 were approved for membership (Renzel, Small).

Passed (Renzel, Shambora) to approve the next ten people on the waiting list, contingent on the occurrence of a vacancy and dues being paid.

House and Grounds-- Jana reported that the fireplace has been painted. Emily contacted Bill Frank and he will start repairs. The Brides' room mirror fell off the wall and broke. West Coast glass has replaced the glass. Jana is doing research on replacing the audio-visual system. The three year House and Grounds plan will include embellishing the garden.

Karen Holman proposed the idea of a garage sale. It's scheduled for April 5 and will be at the clubhouse. One can rent a table for \$10 or \$15. The sale should be advertised in the newsletter.

New/other business-- It was noted that committee chairs are ex officio members of the board. Any ex officio member is welcome at board meetings.

Julie wrote a summary of our year 2002 - 2003 for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08.

Respectfully submitted, *Sharon Small, Rec. Sec'y.*

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, MARCH 5, 2003

NEXT MEETING APRIL 2, 2003, 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French at 6:10.

Present: Julie Jerome, Sarah French, Connie Fasani, Emily Renzel, Christine Shambora, Sharon Small, Enid Pearson, Jana Stevens, Wanda Cavanaugh, Cherie Donald, Anne Ercolani

Absent: Ella Vandervoort, Margaret Feuer, Fran Titterton

The February 2003 minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report-- Anne reported that our total assets as of January 31, 2003 were \$78,190.97.

Rentals-- Rental reservations have dropped dramatically from this time last year.

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notice in the newsletter reminding members of this single obligation. The April 11 wine tasting fundraiser has been called off.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, APRIL 2, 2003

NEXT MEETING - May 7, 2003, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Jerome at 5:10.

Present: Julie Jerome, Fran Titterton, Cherie Donald, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Christine Shambora, Emily Renzel, Connie Fasani, Jana Stevens, Ella Vandervoort

Absent: Sarah French, Anne Ercolani, Margaret Feuer, Enid Pearson

Passed (Small, Cavanaugh) to approve the April minutes with the following correction: Fran Titterton was present at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report - The total assets as of February 28, 2003 are \$75,681.22.

House and Grounds - Jana and Emily reported. A sign-up sheet of shifts for work at the rummage sale was passed around. Jean Colby at Channing House will bring residents for the sale. Ellie Heister donated a Korean baby blanket chest. It was valued at \$700.00 and will be offered at \$350.00. Several maintenance items were taken care of. The mirror in the women's bathroom fell off the wall. West Coast Glass replaced it for

\$85.00. Ace Fire will perform its semi-annual inspection this month, 4/2/2003

Philanthropy - Julie reported for Iris Korol. The philanthropy committee, composed of Iris Korol, Linda Anderson/Page, Pam Grady, Annette Glankopf, Sue Kemp and Helene Pier made its decision regarding grants to be awarded for 2003. The members have chosen six organizations to each receive a \$1500.00 donation. They are: ACHIEVE, ADOLESCENT COUNSELING SERVICES, CAR, KARA, PATHWAYS HOSPICE and PENINSULA STROKE. The board ratified the selections and commended the committee.

Membership - Emily reported that Frances Edwards declined membership. Margie Harrington was approved for membership. Emily informed us that Lois Houghton died.

Passed (Renzel, Small) to make a \$50 donation to philanthropy in her name.

Rentals - March rentals totalled \$3500.00

Other business -

Telephone - Julie reported for Anne Ercolani about information concerning directory listings. Regular lettering costs \$9.00 a month. A bold block letter listing costs \$20 a month, and we get a free extra directory line. We are currently listed under clubs and banquet facilities. We discussed listing the club under weddings, instead of banquet facilities. Connie pointed out that most younger shoppers use the internet not the telephone directory as a shopping source. It was agreed that we get rid of the pay phone. However, Emily is in favor of keeping it. Anne will list the office number and delete the pay phone number.

November District Meeting - Loma Prieta chapter would like to have the November 11 district meeting here. The board agreed that the chapter could

use the facilities, but would have to provide its own food this year.

Old Board Dinner - Julie and Sarah will take the old board to dinner at MacArthur Park on June 4 at 6:30 after the board meeting.

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Other - Iris Korol is organizing a fundraiser for the club. A new tea house in Palo Alto will offer high tea to club members on June 3 at 2:00. The charge will be \$35.00 per person. \$25.00 of the ticket will be tax deductible. Up to 40 people may attend.

Julie suggested that sign-up sheets for next year's committee participation be posted at the June luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MINUTES, MAY 7, 2003

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 4, 2003 - Wanda Cavanaugh will preside.

The meeting was called to order by Sarah French at 5:10.

Present: Enid Pearson, Sharon Small, Wanda Cavanaugh, Fran Titterton, Cherie Donald, Jana Stevens, Christine Shambora, Sarah French, Julie Jerome, Emily Renzel, Karen Holman, Iris Korol, Carol Hubenthal, Jennifer Kleckner, Ellie Heister

Absent: Margaret Feuer, Connie Fasani, Ella Vandervoort, Anne Ercolani

Minutes - The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Enid reported for Anne that total income for the year was expected to be \$74,332. Rental Income was expected to be \$52,525 and

dues income was expected to be \$10,500. There is an expected excess of \$7,220 which will be rolled over to next year.

Membership - Emily reported 4 resignations. She proposed another 10 women

be contingently approved from the waiting list. They are: Natalia Goldbeck, Margo Schmidt, Margo Manley, Nina Moore, Cathie Lehrberg, Patricia Sanders, Connie Turkington Josse, Carol Friedman, Judy Ann Edwards, Karen Fry.

Passed (Renzel, Shambora) to approve 10 women from the waiting list, subject to the occurrence of a vacancy, attendance at a meeting and payment of dues.

Installation - Sarah will install the new board at the May meeting.

Philanthropy - The awardees of the \$1500 grants are invited to the June lunch. Iris will make the presentation.

Dues - Sarah led a discussion on the subject of increasing dues. She made several points. We keep one year of operating expenses as a cushion should rentals decline. Honorary members don't pay dues. We pay \$13.50 per member to the federation for all members, honorary or full paying. We add only \$1200 annually to the building fund. Are we putting enough money in the building fund for capital improvements and maintenance? We decided to consult the membership at a luncheon about raising dues.

Other Business - Karen Holman reported that Frank Benest would like to be a speaker for one of our luncheon programs. Sarah mentioned that there would

be a June 4 dinner at La Bodequita del Medio on California, after our next board meeting, honoring the outgoing board.

House & Grounds - Jana reported that the treasure sale made \$906.00. Including money from the resale of an antique bench, the profit was \$1200. House and Grounds had several accomplishments during the last year. Various items were repaired, including the stage door and its roof,

The Women's Club of Palo Alto

May 2002 Newsletter

June

President: Sarah French and Julie Lewis

Editor: Carol Hunsbittel

President's Message

The luncheon on June 19th promises to be a most enjoyable day as our summer luncheon to gather with old and new members.

The payphone was removed this morning. SBC will send someone to repair the holes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small, Recording Secretary

Wednesday, June 19

Budget Approval

Harpist Rebecca Gorman

Presentation

of Philanthropy Awards

11:45 Member and guest register, arrival lunch

12:00 President's Welcome and

12:30 Program

Lunch is served at \$1.00 per person
seating is \$1.00 per person

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and Club Philanthropy Committee

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2002 NewsLetter
June

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

The luncheon on June 19th provides us with a last chance, before our summer hiatus, to gather with old and new friends. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. Lunch is being prepared by Leigh Metzler and her able crew.

During the past 9 months some wonderful things have happened to the Club — fixing up the bride's room and the board room, and, of course, scrubbing the kitchen (thanks to Emily). We also have a full membership with people on the waiting list. We would like to mention a few members of the club who deserve special recognition: Joan Holland for her work with the History Committee, Gwen Barry for so efficiently handling the Tuesday night social, Barbara Martin for chairing the Investment Club, and Jeanne McDonnell for participating with the Book Club. Thanks also to Ellen Smith and her committee for working so hard on the Philanthropy committee, Carolyn Emmerson for single handedly (almost) creating the Wine Tasting with Ridge Winery evening — those of you who were not there really missed a fun and informative party. We would also like to thank our Board for a wonderful year — we would not be where we are without all the help from such capable women.

During the summer we will be calling you yes, calling. We need to set up our luncheon chairs, our telephone committee, our programs, and various other important jobs. We'll have sign-up sheets at the June lunch. If you miss the meeting, we hope that when we call you will be able to participate fully, as we now have so many members that we need lots of support. Many hands make light work! Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful club and have a wonderful summer. See you all on September 18.

—Julie and Sarah



**Wednesday, June 19
at noon**

Budget Approval

Harpist Rebecca Gorman

***Presentation
of Philanthropy Awards***

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch**

12:30 President's Welcome and

12:30 Program

Lunch is offered at \$3.00 per person

HOSTED BY LEIGH METZLER



Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club, Philanthropy Committee

Book Group



Tuesday, June 25

Dance Night
in the collection,
Dawn Powell at Her Best.

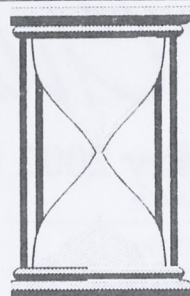
Thursday is dance night in a small, industrial Ohio town, where the trains and the factory set the tempo of the days, but the dance instructor, Mr. Fischer, does a good job of setting the tone for the nights, either when he is there or when people are thinking about him or getting ready for his appearance in town.

Dawn Powell (1897 - 1965) wrote plays, short stories, non fiction, and sixteen novels, and some of her work has been brought back by Tim Page, who also wrote her biography. It is sad to realize that a writer of such fine fiction should have been buried in New York City's cemetery for the destitute.

Page says her work disappeared because people didn't like her "blunt, plainspoken honesty," and also, for some, her "satire wasn't quite angry enough, she never suggested that any revolution could change fundamental human nature."

Discussion leader, Pat Davis

Refreshments, Ellie Heister



History Corner

Mrs. Campbell,
Mrs. Gilbert and the Library

The History Committee (Jeanne McDonnell, Carol Murden, Peggy McKee, and Chair Joan Holland) had a busy year in 2001-2002. As part of our ongoing activities, we produced an article each month for the Newsletter; we continued to work on transcribing the minutes and organizing the Archives. For each year of transcriptions, Joan summarizes the important events, activities, and achievements. These yearly summaries provided useful information for: awarding honorary membership to Georgia Spears; gathering data about the Club's role in the establishment of Palo Alto's first library; researching the materials to secure landmark status as an historic site for our Club House. In the fall, we will resume interviewing Club members as part of our Oral History project.

In December, the History Committee and friends enjoyed the fourth annual field trip with lunch and a docent tour at Stanford's Cantor Art Museum. In March, Jeanne arranged with PAHA, PAST, and the Juana Briones Heritage Foundation for the Club House to host the bicentennial celebration of Juana Briones' birth in 1802. At the March luncheon, Jeanne presented the Women's History Month program on the history of women's suffrage. With a myriad of detail about the place of women in the world, in America, and in our own club, Jeanne described how the many issues that engaged the attention of women--trees, parks, libraries, community, education, and the like--were part and parcel of the broader women's movement that culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. The Woman's Club's, with Friends of the Palo Alto Library, co-sponsored the Palo Alto Library Centennial (April 28, 2002,) in

History
Committee



Tuesday June 4, 7:30 p.m.
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History Corner continued

the Lucie Stern Community Ballroom. The History Committee designed a display panel chronicling the role of the Woman's Club in creating a Palo Alto library; helped by other club members, we answered questions, handed out materials, and generally supported the Friends of the Palo Alto Library in their gala. More than three hundred guests attended the event. The time capsule in the cornerstone of the original Palo Alto Andrew Carnegie Library on Hamilton Avenue, laid in 1903, contained a 1902-1903 Yearbook of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. When the building was demolished in 1967, the time

capsule was opened and its contents retrieved. The Friends of the Library presented a copy of the dedication program and the Yearbook to Emily Renzel for the Woman's Club Archives. As part of the celebration program, Emily reiterated some of the highlights of the Club's involvement in the library's founding.

We look forward to continuing our efforts in 2002-2003 and would welcome the participation of members interested in helping us complete our tasks. If you want to be part of our efforts, please contact Joan Holland (326-3169)

Peggy McKee

Philanthropy Committee presents awards

The philanthropy committee will make a brief presentation and award funds to the following recipients who will be guests at our June luncheon: The recipients, each of which will receive a check for \$1,500, are:

Clara Mateo Alliance, which provides shelter and supportive services for those in need, with 63 shelter beds, plus 6 rooms for families.

Ecumenical Hunger Program, which provides services to the needy; programs include food boxes and a Monday night meal, financial support, used furniture, a clothes closet, and mentoring.

EPA Kids, which gives grants to teachers in East Palo Alto and East Menlo for classroom enrichment, mainly for books, supplies, and field trips.

Foundation for a College Education, which offers support to students of color (especially those who would be first in their family to go to college) in completing high school and gaining college admission.

Midpeninsula Girls Club, which provides a safe and enriching space for East Palo Alto and East Menlo girls ages 6-13.

Music in the Schools (now formally Music Teachers Association of California - Palo Alto Branch Foundation), which funds a music teacher for grades K-3 and a chorus program for grades 4-6 at Costano School in East Palo Alto.

YES Reading, which offers a literacy program for kids of all cultures in grades 2-8 who are having difficulty learning to read.

Proposed Budget for 2002-2003

Income

Carryover from prior year	..... \$5,435
Fundraising	..... 0
Interest income	..... 1,400
Luncheons	..... 2,400
Membership Dues	..... 10,500
Rental income	..... 50,200
Total income	..... 69,935

Expenses

Ads	..... \$1,100
Bank fees	..... 100
Building fund	..... 1,200
Convention/Federation	..... 500
Dues	..... 3,050
Fees	..... 200
Gardener	..... 2,300
Historical Committee	..... 300
House & Grounds	..... 12,500
House Maintenance	..... 3,145
Household supplies	..... 1,200
Insurance	..... 3,000
Janitorial	..... 15,600
Luncheons	..... 12,500
Miscellaneous	..... 500
Newsletter/yearbook	..... 3,000
Office expenses	..... 600
Philanthropy	..... 7,000
Professional accountant	..... 1,440
Refunds	..... 12,000
Taxes	..... 2,000
Telephone 1,700
Utilities 5,000
Total expenses \$69,935
Net carryover to next year 0



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Tuesday, June 4- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

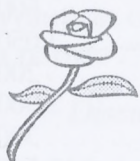
Tuesday, June 11 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, June 18- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

Tuesday, June 25 - Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, June 19 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Budget Approval; Harpist Rebecca Gorman

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September 2002 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message



We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. Welcome back for another year of fun, companionship and education in the Woman's Club.

We did it! Our membership, per our bylaws, is full. Thanks to all of you who brought in new members. Do continue to bring guests; our fellowship is for sharing.

The Program Committee has worked diligently this summer, to put together enlightening programs. The topics, listed in the Yearbook, range from live music to the art of movie reviewing to information we all need about strokes. A few will be announced later; but you can be sure they all will be informative and interesting.

The Yearbooks, by the way, will be available at the September luncheon. The Luncheon chairs have been selected and the committees assigned. The label on your Yearbook will list your month to serve. We will also publish names for upcoming months in our Newsletter. If you are unable to help on your selected date, please switch with someone else and let the chair know. We have so many members that we need to be able to count on everybody. Remember that when you joined the Woman's Club there was only one requirement: to serve on a luncheon committee.

There were some excellent questions asked about our budget at the June luncheon. One woman questioned the lack of a reserve fund in the budget. The budget presented to the membership for approval was the operating budget. In addition the Club has a Building Fund, money placed in a CD and added to every year, that is for extraordinary expenditures; a Philanthropy Fund, also in a CD and added to every year, which is used to fund our charitable gifts; and cash reserves equal to one year's operating needs. Another questioned our membership dues receipts. We have 225 members; however, 15 of those members are Honorary Members and pay no dues. Therefore, we receive income from 210 members.

The Board held its first ever retreat on August 10. Most

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**Wednesday, September 18
at noon**

*Welcome New Members
Jazz pianist Don Creswell
will entertain us
with background music*

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch**

12:30 President's Welcome and

12:30 Program

1:30 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at \$5.00 per person

HOSTED BY IRIS KORAL

Look Inside!



History Corner,
Book Club, Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



Tuesday, September 24
7:30 p.m.

Cane River

by Lalita Tademy

Tademy lives nearby, left a vice president position at Sun Microsystems to write this book, and must be glad she did. It is a historical novel, based on her research into four generations of her black and white, slave and free, ancestry in French Louisiana. For us at the Women's Club to have read it is also valuable in that the women are central to the story. Having had to fight to hold on to, or regain, their families, they treasure those ties beyond all else. They manage, in a highly disadvantageous and dangerous legal and social situation, to own land, make a living, and keep everyone safe.

One of the beauties of *Cane River* is the way the author authenticated her story by reprinting actual documents she located--court, tax, and census records, letters, a family history of several pages, newspaper articles--and wove her fictional account around them.

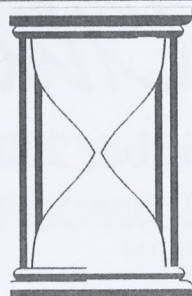
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New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

Women's Struggle to Organize

The story of the struggle for women's freedom to organize their own groups, to publicly express and advocate their own ideas is seldom mentioned in history. The idea that women could organize their own club was gaining acceptance by the end of the 1860s.

Two hundred years earlier Anne Hutchinson was banished from Boston for inviting local women to her home on Monday afternoons to discuss the scriptures and religious sermons. The governor and others supported her but in 1638 she was tried in court and banished. Pregnant with her 16th child, she left and traveled to Rhode Island (a six day journey) to join her family. The child was born dead.

In 1833 women organized in the village of Chicago (population 350). The Society of the City of Detroit and Vicinity Club was organized in 1818. Groups were interested in literary, artistic and scientific culture and enjoyed presentations by people working in these areas. The number and size of Women's Clubs continued to increase.

Between 1847 and 1889 women's clubs spread throughout the country. As women organized to express their views, learn about topics they chose, and discuss conditions in their communities, they also lobbied local officials to influence the making of laws. In the early days of organizing these groups, a man was often asked to head the group so that the club would be acceptable in the community. Women, it was thought, were to be protected from public view.

The advantage of women working together was obvious during the Civil War 1861-1865 as groups of women cared for the sick and wounded, fed soldiers, and prepared bandages. The atti-

History Committee



Tuesday September 3, 7:30 p.m.
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History Corner continued

tude towards women changed.

Now the number of clubs increased. It was thought the number of clubs could be counted in the hundreds and the membership in the thousands.

Although women did not win the vote until 1920, they did influence legislation by lobbying their representatives. Dr. Harvey Wiley, first chief of the federal Pure Food Bureau in 1906, stated "There is something wonderful in the power in which organized effort can develop, and the women of this country through effort, in my opinion, can secure any good thing which they demand. . .the passage of the bill was due to the Women's Federated clubs of the country."

Joan Holland

President's message continued

Board members and two women who are not on the Board but are in charge of committees attended. We will provide you with a full report in our next newsletter. Meanwhile, know we feel that it is important that the membership be aware of the discussions and decisions of the Board, so we plan to publish summary minutes of the meetings in our newsletter. We want especially to thank Jeanne Althouse for her professional assistance at the retreat.

Summer has not been an idle time for many. Special thanks to Emily for her cleaning and refurbishing, Margaret for overseeing rentals, Cherie for our programs and Fran for her work with the luncheon chairs. They are dedicated and wonderful members.

Julie and Sarah

Lunch Assignments for September, October, November and December

Please note that December, February and May meetings will be in the evening.

September 18, 2002

Iris KOROL 321.1087

Beverly AARTS

Louise BEATTIE

Angela BUMBERA

Barbara CHEQUER

Judy DEGGELLER

Connie FASANI

Judith FROST

Ellie HEISTER

Nancy

KALKBRENNER

Judith KLEINBERG

Carol A. LIN

Liz MANN

Elaine MEYER

Karen OLSON

Helene PIER

Carolyn REESE

Shulamith RUBINFIEN

Sharon SMALL

Jana STEVENS

Virginia WARHEIT

Betsy YOUNG

October 16, 2002

Deborah NICHOLS

329.8558

Jeanne ABBOTT

Suzanne H. BEAVER

Carolyn CADDES

Lynn CHIAPELLA

Arline DEHLINGER

Margaret R. FEUER

Wynne FURTH

Karen HOLMAN

Nanci KAUFFMAN

Elizabeth H. KNISS

Carolyn LONG

Mildred MARIO

Barbara MARTIN

Elizabeth

MODER-STERN

Lydia MORSE

Lolly OSBORN

Julia POWERS

Marcia REHMUS

Doris SALABERT

Elena SMIRNOV

November 20, 2002

Gwendolyn BARRY

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Kathryn AKATIFF

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PRENDERGAST

Carolyn RELLER

Anne SALDICH

Ellen SMITH

Bonnie STREET

Veva WHEATON

December 18, 2002

Note: Evening Meeting

Betsy BECHTEL

327.1824

Jeanne ALTHOUSE

Susan BENTON

Sarah CANE

Barbara B. CARLITZ

Wendy CROWDER

Cathy DOLTON

Nancy FIENE

Annette GLANCKOPF-

ASHTON

Gloria HOM

Sue KEMP

Cathy KROYMANN

Marsha LOWTHER

Jean K. McCOWN

Elkie MULLER

Pauline PARKER

Gloria PRESLEY

Terry RICE

Paula SANDAS

Ruth SOFORENKO

Frances TITTERTON

Lanie WHEELER

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for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

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Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

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For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

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Introduce new members; pianist Don Creswell

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October 2002 NewsLetter

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Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

The year is now underway. Thanks to Iris Korol and her able crew for our first lunch, and to Don Creswell for his wonderful piano music. It was great to see so many of you again.

As promised, we've included some information from the Retreat we held during the summer. Thanks to Sharon Small for providing a summary. If you have any questions or comments, please call either Sarah or Julie.

Those of you who were at the lunch know that we were busy collecting email additions and corrections. If we missed you, please call Julie or Sarah. We do want to have as many email addresses as possible. It does simplify communication! We will be updating the telephone and email directory in December.

The Drop-In Social meets at the Clubhouse the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We hope you will put this on your calendar and come. Its great fun meeting new (and old) members in a small, intimate social context. Celiene O'Hara is the chair and can be reached at 367-8122 if you have questions. Please bring a friend as well. And while we continue to have a waiting list for membership, do bring friends to our meetings, and encourage them to fill out an application.

Our next luncheon is October 16. The program will feature Anne Jacobs of the Peninsula Stroke Association with what promises to be a *Life Saving Message*. Deborah Nichols will be the Luncheon Leader, and we look forward to seeing all of you then, if not before.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday, October 16 at noon *A Lifesaving Message*

Anne Jacobs, Executive Director
of the Peninsula Stroke Association

11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch

12:30 President's Welcome and

12:30 Program

1:30 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at \$5.00 per person

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History Corner,
Book Club, Report on the Board Retreat
and November Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



Tuesday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.

Book Group

Grapes of Wrath

by John Steinbeck

When I first heard that the California Council for the Humanities had proposed that all Californians should read *Grapes of Wrath*, I was skeptical and puzzled about what had put them up to that. After I read it, I wondered why this book hasn't been touted as a masterpiece of world literature, but of course, Steinbeck did get the Nobel Prize, and there is a wonderful museum in Salinas about him. Maybe it was just me who hadn't known.

There is also the idea of a given group of people all reading the same book. Members of our own small book group have noticed that it is a unifying experience, the reading of literature first, but also, the discussing of it together. And for Californians of all varieties to connect and consider themselves people with a common heritage would be a goal worth striving toward, which must be partly what the CCH had in mind.

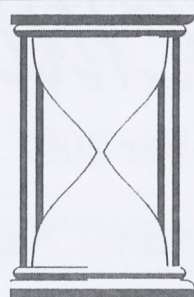
Grapes of Wrath is an epic. I suspect that John Steinbeck used the *Odyssey* as a model. He was a young man who lived in the place and knew and worked with people who were like those in the novel. He mentions that without any entertainment or amusement, they turned to storytelling, and he seems to have taken those stories and turned them into lasting literature.

Discussion leader, Pat Davis

Refreshments, Ellie Heister

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History Corner

Women's Struggle to Organize

The History Committee's and the Woman's Club's own Carol Murden recently received "The Lifetime Preservation Award" from PAST (Palo Alto Stanford Heritage) for "her service to the community, loving dedication to the preservation of the built environment of the City of Palo Alto and her enthusiastic research and communication of the history and heritage of our fair city." We on the History Committee have first hand knowledge and experience of Carol's hard work on behalf of Palo Alto's past, and in particular of her commitment to honoring and preserving the history of our Club. Carol has been doing yeoman service in transcribing the minutes from elegant (but difficult to decipher) handwriting in the old ledgers to computer disk. In addition, she has been doing the lion's share of the research in Palo Alto's archives necessary to secure recognition of our Club House's status as an "historic property" and its inclusion on the National Register.

For those of you who have enjoyed PAST's Holiday House and walking tours of Palo Alto's historic houses, you have Carol to thank for supplying the docents with the fascinating information that makes these excursions so memorable. She is an impressive researcher; she livens up the History Committee's meetings with tidbits about the Woman's Club's past activities and leaders. The endeavors of PAST are particularly dear to her heart, and she served on its board for a number of years. As well, Carol spent a considerable amount of time in Palo Alto's archives gathering the photos that formed the nucleus of one of the displays celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Library earlier this spring. For six years, Carol served on Palo Alto's Historic Resources Board,

History Committee



Tuesday October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

History Corner continued

including a year as its chair. During her tenure there, she headed up Preservation Week. Palo Alto, PAST, the Palo Alto Historical Association, and the Woman's Club have much to thank Carol for. Thank you, Carol, and congratulations on your richly deserved "Lifetime Preservation Award."

Peggy McKee

WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD RETREAT

On August 10, 2002, board members and several committee chairs gathered for the first ever Woman's Club retreat. It was held at Sarah French's work place. We began at 9:00 in the morning and talked until 3:00. Jeanne Althouse, professional facilitator, led the program. We chose the theme of celebrating our success and sharing our ideas for the future.

During our first session we talked about the qualities of membership we value. We like the opportunity to meet new people, the rich history of the club, and the philanthropy focus. We like being part of a community of women, having a forum to come together, and working to revitalize and energize the club.

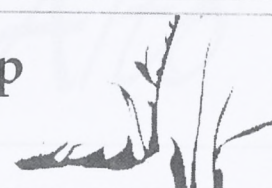
With an appreciation of the ways we benefited as members, we moved on to share our ideas for the future. The needs of house and grounds were examined first. Rental attractiveness was considered a priority in our plans. A vote was taken on what area each of us would like to update. The foyer was the winner. The kitchen and the men's room were also counted important areas to modernize. We agreed to several action items. We will document what's been done, develop a 1-3 year plan with budget estimates, consider using a task force to redecorate the foyer, and evaluate assigning maintenance to a person.

Next month look for more notes on our retreat. Ideas about how to serve meals for so many people, and the pros and cons of increasing membership were other topics of discussion.

Sharon Small



Membership Corner



Membership Report. Four new members were approved by the Board in June:

Maritza Frankfurt, 2109 Columbia Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 857-0955. Email: hot-dogs@stanford.edu. Maritza has volunteered with the PTA and has been active in the College Terrace Residents' Assn. Her hobbies are reading, gardening, local politics, and travel.

Betsy Laster, 1711 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 326.7152. Betsy has volunteered with Girl Scouts, PTA, and her church. Her hobbies are reading, cooking, and gardening.

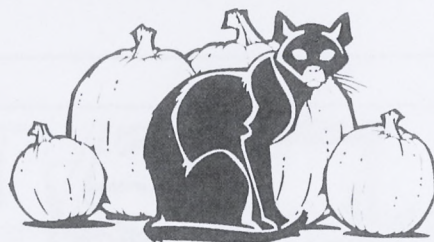
Paula Sandas, 2140 Columbia Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Phone: 494-8806. Email: paulasandas@yahoo.com. Paula is Development Director for the Trees for El Camino Program. In the past she was Operations Manager for Hidden Villa and Associate Publisher of the Palo Alto Weekly. Hobbies: quilting, jewelry making.

Isabel Waters, 401 Webster #207, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 321-7250. Email: bwatersca@earthlink.net. Isabel is an art photographer and painter. She is a Deacon at her church. She loves to read and enjoys touring and photographing exceptional gardens.

The good news and the bad news is that we have reached our full membership of 225 members and have 16 women on the waiting list.

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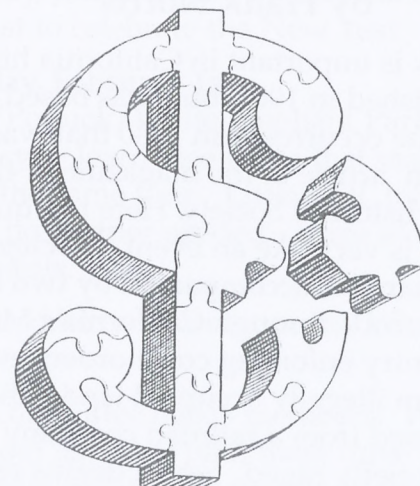
Our Events Committee is busy creating and planning "fun and friends" events, thanks to Sharleen Fiddaman and Pat Davis. Look elsewhere in this newsletter to see some of the creative ideas.

Do you want See's Candy this Holiday? Sarah will take orders for gift certificates for one pound of candy at \$11.00 each - a real deal. Profit from the sales will go to the Philanthropy Fund. Checks should be given or mailed to Sarah. She will have the certificates in first part of December and will mail them to you. Sarah must have your checks by December 1st.

Our November lunch is fast approaching; we'll hear from Mark Boucher on investment strategies. AND REMEMBER: The December meeting on the 18th is at 5:30 p.m. Wine will be available. This will be a very special dinner so mark your calendars now.

Lastly, we want to thank Dorothy Arbuckle. She is a dedicated member who has been making all of those reminder phone calls. She is such a jewel for all of us. Thanks, Dorothy!

Julie and Sarah



**Wednesday, November 20
at noon**

Current Market & Investment Possibilities

**Mark Boucher with Investment
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Book Group



Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m.

Octopus by Frank Norris

This book is important in California history. It was published in 1902, but was based on at least one true occurrence in 1880 that was the subject of an article in the magazine of the California Historical Society. Here is a quote from it that is very like an event in *Octopus*. "... a federal marshal, accompanied by two heavily armed men, rode through California's Mussel Slough country enforcing court orders evicting farmers from illegally occupied lands the men had purchased from a railroad company ... a gun battle briefly raged. Seven deaths resulted..."

The *Octopus* is a fictional account of this uproar and much more. The story tells that farmers had no recourse against any unfairness the railroad perpetrated. Norris depicts the railroad as monster that favors some at the expense of others and uses bribes and payoffs to get political backing.

The book has a connection to our club. Kathleen Norris, married to the author's brother, was an honorary member who showed up in the minutes a couple of times. She lived in a gorgeous house now adjoining St. Anne's Church, which she could afford because she was one of the most popular and best selling novelists of her era. And her style was leaner than Frank's.

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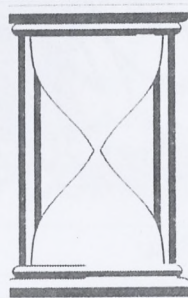
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Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

The Year the Club was almost Sold...

As we enjoy our Clubhouse and the vital organization we have become, it is hard to imagine that only 14 years ago club members were on the brink of selling the clubhouse. A letter to the Board from the House and Grounds Committee on July 11, 1988 summed up the situation as follows:

"Under the present situation concerning our Club, we the House and Grounds Committee, feel that it is imperative that we sell the Clubhouse. The reasons are that our membership is down to 75 and only having 20 to 25 present at our meetings. We have not taken in a member for the last three years and most of our members are not active in the club. It is hard to get officers to serve for even one year." Attached to the above memo were real estate appraisals ranging from \$595,000 to \$750,000.

On July 19, 1988 a letter along with a survey was sent out to the membership by the Board listing the following problems:

- "1. Our membership has dropped to 75....
2. Parking problems further plague our members
3. There is no interest in Departments for the betterment of our members.
4. Ill health and age prevent attendance, also of license to drive a car.
5. We have not taken in any members for three years.
6. We are aware of an added element that we cannot qualify as a non-profit organization because of our few philanthropies.
7. If we wish to rent to full capacity, we would have to engage another custodian."

The letter cited expenses of \$13,447 to run the

History Committee



Monday November 4, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

History Corner continued

club, including \$4179 for the custodian, \$2500 for utilities, \$2668 for insurance, \$1300 property taxes, and Federation dues of \$350. It also identified major problems that needed immediate attention - termite inspection, new back door to the kitchen, yard work along Cowper, new drapes, new rug in the entry, floor refinishing, painting inside and out, new sink and refrigerator in the kitchen, as well as work in the bathrooms.

It was thought that a room for meetings would be made available at the Holiday Inn for nominal cost and with a shuttle service. That turned out to be illusory. The poll of the members showed that 51 favored selling the Clubhouse, 11 opposed, and 13 abstained.

Upon her return from summer vacation, then President Margaret "Boots" Gould had an answering machine installed in the office for rentals, which resulted in increased rentals. Club committees tackled some of the urgent repairs and upgrades, and the matter of the sale was tabled as the club's financial status stabilized.

Several new members joined and ultimately the club, under President Georgia Spears, invited women City Councilmembers, School Board Members, and other public officials to join the club to celebrate the Club's and the City's centennials in 1993 and 1994. These actions began the gradual buildup of membership and finances of the Club to the wonderful place we find ourselves today.

Emily Renzel

MARK your 2003 calendar!

The Events Committee has scheduled three social events for this coming new year. We need you to attend, work on the events, and support our efforts.

Sunday, January 5th - Family Pancake Breakfast to celebrate the New Year.

Sunday, February 1st - Bunko/Potluck/White Elephant Party. Bunko is an easy to learn dice game that many can play at the same time. Little skill, lots of laughs, no partner needed - come alone or bring guests.

April - date to be announced - Wine Tasting Party.

The Committee needs members. We invite you to join us as we plan these three fundraising social events. All profits go directly into our Building and Grounds budget and the Philanthropy fund. Having fun at the WCPA, will contribute to the improvement of the Club's appearance and add to our community outreach.

Please call or email Pat Davis to join and for additional information. 650.321.2120 and patd2120@aol.com.



Lunch Assignments November 20, 2002
Gwendolyn BARRY 326.7317

Kathryn AKATIFF	Carol MARTIN
Diana BEBBINGTON	Dena MOSSAR
Pat CALONNE	Elinor OVERSHINE
Alison COOPER	Marlene H.
Diana DIAMOND	PRENDERGAST
Sharleen FIDDAMAN	Carolyn RELLER
Jean GEE	Anne SALDICH
Joan HOLLAND	Ellen SMITH
Susan KAZUL	Bonnie STREET
Judy KRAMER	Veva WHEATON
Mary LOREY	

Dinner Assignments December 18, 2002
Betsy BECHTEL 327.1824*

Jeanne ALTHOUSE	Cathy KROYMANN
Susan BENTON	Marsha LOWTHER
Sarah CRANE	Jean K. MCCOWN
Barbara B. CARLITA	Elie MULLER
Wendy CROWDER	Pauline PARKER
Cathy DOLTON	Gloria PRESLEY
Nancy FIENE	Terry RICE
Annette	Paula SANDAS
GLANCKOPF-	Ruth SOFORENKO
ASHTON	Frances TITTERTON
Gloria HOM	Lanie WHEELER
Sue KEMP	<i>* Evening Meeting</i>

Happy Thanksgiving

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 4- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, November 6 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 12- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

Tuesday, November 19- Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674 for information

Wednesday, November 20 - Lunch Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Current Market & Investment Possibilities, Mark Boucher
of Investment Research Associates

Tuesday, November 26 - Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto



475 Homer Avenue

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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

December 2002 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

This is such a good time of the year for all of us to be thankful for our blessings, and we hope that all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

We had our largest turnout for lunch in October, (100), and our November lunch was just as large. From our October speaker, do remember one thing, a stroke is a medical emergency! Early treatment is vital for recovery. And our November speaker gave us his thoughts about investing—definitely food for thought. A big thanks to all the members of our lunch teams for putting on such delicious meals.

Our membership continues to be full but we want to encourage you to bring guests and have them put their names on the waiting list. For those of you who missed the announcement, we did lose a valuable member, Jean Bacchagalupi. The Club has made a donation to the Philanthropy Fund in her honor. Our sympathy to her family.

We had a large turnout for the October social, but for some reason, the social in November was small...do mark on your calendar the second Tuesday of each month from 5 - 7 p.m. Julie will send a group email as a reminder. Its a wonderful way to get to know new people and catch up with old friends.

The Events Committee is busy planning. If you signed up you will be hearing from or have already heard from Pat Davis. Thanks so much to Pat for her diligence and willingness to head up this new challenging committee.

We don't ask much of our members, but we do expect each member to participate in one, yes only one, luncheon committee during the year. Our luncheon chairs work very hard at planning so please support them.

We will be celebrating the December meeting with an evening supper and a performance by The Madrigals from Palo Alto High School. The group has been a tradition for the past couple of years, and we hope to see all of you there. Wine will be available at cost. The social hour will start at 5:30, with dinner to follow.



*Again, Happy Holidays
from Julie and Sarah*



**Wednesday, December 18
at 5:30 p.m.**

***The Madrigals
from Palo Alto High School***

Directed by Jim Yowell

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| 5:30 | Member and guest sign-in,
buffet dinner |
| 6:00 | President's Welcome and |
| 6:30 | Program |

dinner is offered at \$5.00 per person

HOSTED BY BETSY BECHTEL

HOLIDAY OUTING

The History Committee will be having its annual holiday outing December 30th when Joan Jack will take us on a walking tour of Professorville. We will meet at 1005 Bryant, on the corner of Bryant and Addison, at 10.30 a.m. After the tour we will have lunch at St. Michael's Alley. If any Women's Club members are interested in joining us for the tour, or the tour and lunch, please call Carol Murden at 327-1446 by December 27th.

Book Group



Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.

Crossing Into Safety by Wallace Stegner

There was an article about Wallace Stegner in a recent issue of the magazine of Montana history that made me realize that although we here in the neighborhood of Stanford came to think of him as one of our local heroes, he wasn't from here at all. He grew up on the Saskatchewan prairie near the United States border, but he learned to feel at home in many climates and terrains, just like the people in *Crossing Into Safety*. The book takes us at various times to Berkeley, Wisconsin, Boston, and Florence, but more than any of those places, it is about a remote lake in Vermont where people congregated in the summer and sometimes adventured into the woods for extended hikes.

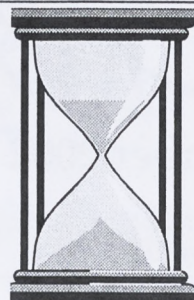
What happens to the characters, their life stories, births, deaths, illnesses, winnings and losses, is what the book is about, but Stegner was a master at telling how people lived in different kinds of places and were changed by them. He said that the main characters wanted to "leave a mark on the world. Instead the world left marks on" them.

If there is one subject that *Crossing Into Safety* can be said to be about, it is friendship. He wrote it late in life, five years before he died in 1993, and it expresses a feeling of looking back and understanding how much certain steadfast people mean over a long life.

Discussion leader: Anne Saldich
Refreshments: Susan Kazul

We will discuss the last book of our fall series of California authors in January, *On Gold Mountain* by Lisa See. New members always welcome.

Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

"All interested in the organization of a Palo Alto women's club will meet June 13 at the Presbyterian Church."

From this small notice in a local newspaper evolved the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. The minutes of the June 13th meeting noted that "pursuant to a call for a general meeting of the ladies of Palo Alto, quite a number met," and that discussion at the meeting indicated that the club was "to do practical work for its members and the community." At the second meeting of the club on June 20th, 1894, the newly elected president, Mrs. Mary G. Campbell, gave an address "congratulating Palo Alto upon being no longer a sort of half-orphan but now having both city fathers and mothers, thus insuring a prosperous future, and a nurturing of its spiritual and refining issues as well as its material welfare." The club began with twenty-four charter members, a number which rose to eighty within the next twelve months.

From the beginning, the members of the club addressed practical needs of their newly formed town such as libraries, an adequate sewage system, and the planting of trees. Once a project was started the club members remained involved until the project was finished or until an appropriate city or private organization was formed to carry on the work. One of the charter members, Mrs. Lakin, recalled riding down University Avenue in her horse and buggy carrying a watering can with which to water the young saplings which the Woman's Club had caused to be planted on the Avenue.

In addition to practical projects, the club members had an interest in many areas and brought in speakers on a variety of topics. The early

History Committee



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History Corner continued

Woman's Club minutes note speakers on "The Ancient History of Strikes", "The Women of India", "Why Women Should Vote", "Nutrition", and "Children's Rights", to name a few.

In September 1913 when the Woman's Club held Pioneer Day, two early members recalled why they had joined the club. One, Mrs. Corbert, was attracted by the opportunity to learn the elements of parliamentary procedure from the club's president, Mrs. Campbell; the other early member, Mrs. Bradford, was then a newcomer to Palo Alto and wanted the friendship and activity the club offered. Whatever their reasons for joining, the early members began an organization that is still flourishing one hundred and eight years later.

Carol Murden

Lunch Assignments January 15, 2003

Barbara Foster 328.1971

Linda Anderson/Page	Christine Luiz
Mary Grace Bertsch	Mary C. McCullough
Julie Caporgno	Carol Murden
Kay Culpepper	Janel Peacock
Cherie Donald	Lydia Pugliese
Sue Flakoll	Susie Richardson
Deborah Gordon	Joan Sanders
Carol Hubenthal	Marily Sokol
Chris Kenrick	Kathy Torgersen
Aysten Kutlu	Karen White

PUMPKIN SOUP (from October luncheon)

2 onions	4 cans chicken broth
1/2 c. butter	(6 cups total)
4 garlic cloves	2 small cans Libby's
2 tsp curry 1 tsp salt	pumpkin (each can
1/4 tsp. coriander	is 15 oz.)
1/4 tsp. red pepper	2 cups half and half
flakes	

Sauté chopped onion and chopped garlic in butter until translucent. Add curry, salt, coriander and red pepper flakes. Cook one minute. Add chicken broth. Boil uncovered 15-20 minutes. Add pumpkin and half and half. Cook an additional 10 minutes. Cool slightly. Put soup in a blender and blend until creamy.

REPORT ON THE BOARD RETREAT

On August 10, 2002, board members and several committee chairs gathered for a retreat. In our afternoon session, we discussed how to serve meals for so many members. Luncheon committee chairs find that providing enough food is difficult and expensive, and motivating all committee members to participate is tough. We discussed the possibility of buying the main dish, and providing side dishes and dessert. More information is needed on the cost of using caterers. It was suggested we think of ways to improve the flow of people through the buffet lines. We created some guidelines to improve lunch service: •furnish each table with tea, water, coffee and dessert, •place additional buffet tables and encourage multiple serving lines, •simplify menus to promote quick food choices, •plan lunch for 90-100 members

Other ideas for managing the logistics of large luncheons include: •create a cookbook for large quantity cooking, •separate the cleanup committee and the food provider committee, •name luncheon co-chairs and provide instruction, •set up the night before, •direct committee members to place food on plates. After this discussion, we agreed to stress the need for every member to take part in a lunch committee.

We also discussed increasing our membership. The issue here is that ill feelings are created when membership is denied. The limit established in the past is 225. The fire marshall expects us to limit the number of people present at one time to 200. It was pointed out that we are now serving lunch to a large number of people (90 out of 225 usually come). It would be difficult to serve more people. We agreed to continue the limit of 225, and write an explanatory letter to people on the waiting list.

Our retreat ended at 3:00. Our thanks to Jeanne Althouse for making sense of many points of view, and helping us develop ideas for improvement.

Sharon Small

Editor's note: This article was to appear in the November newsletter. Apologies for the delay.



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Tuesday, December 3- History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, December 4 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

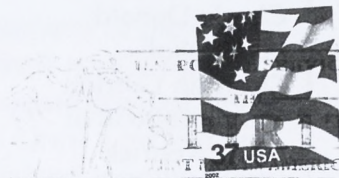
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For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674

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Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

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President's Message

Wow! What a wonderful December dinner! The friends, the food, the entertainment — they were the best. Thanks again to our dinner chairwoman, Betsy Bechtel, and her able staff, who flawlessly put together a dinner for over 100 Club members and their guests. Thanks also to Iris Korol who set up the wine bar. The proceeds will go to our Philanthropy committee to distribute in the spring.

We want all of you to mark your calendars for the BUNCO Party on February 2nd. That is a Sunday late afternoon/evening; the party starts at 4:30. We'll have a potluck supper and lots of fun. And bring a white elephant - they'll be our prizes. Pat Davis promises that we all can learn how to play the game very quickly. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. The proceeds of the BUNCO party will also benefit our Philanthropy committee.

What a wonderful Club we have! Sarah and I want to thank our board for their diligent work which has brought this Club to what it is today. We particularly want to thank Margaret Feuer, our rental chair. Without her efforts, and the money that comes in from the rentals, we couldn't do much of what we all now enjoy.

At our January 15th luncheon we will elect our Nominating committee. In order to be on the Nominating Committee you must be present at the January meeting. The Committee's nominations will be presented to the membership at the March meeting. All the details are on page 36 of your Yearbook.

At our January luncheon we will have the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Philippe Rey, Associate Director of Adolescent Counseling Services. The title of his talk is: "What You Need to Know About Adolescents". It should be very interesting. Lunch will be hosted by Joan Brennan (note the change). And even though our membership is full, please continue to bring friends and encourage them to fill out an application so they can be on our waiting list.

*Again, Happy Holidays
from Julie and Sarah*



**Wednesday, January 15
at noon**

What You Need to Know About Adolescents

**Dr. Philippe Rey, Associate Director
of Adolescent Counseling Services**

**11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
buffet dinner**

noon President's Welcome and

12:45 Program

lunch is offered at \$5.00 per person

HOSTED BY JOAN S. BRENNAN

Look Inside!



History Corner,
Book Club, Upcoming Events and
January & February Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.
On Gold Mountain
by Lisa See

Reading this book made me really happy that I am part of the book group and grateful for the good selections we make and the fun we have talking about them. I would not have known about *On Gold Mountain*, but it was the perfect book to end our series by California authors because it told so much about the state and the diverse people who live here.

What I most appreciated was See's non judgmental sharing of information about a century of her family's history. She told in the same calm voice about horrendously discriminatory laws here but also in China, about family members who succeeded, failed, became alcoholics, and about their children, marriages, and complicated lives.

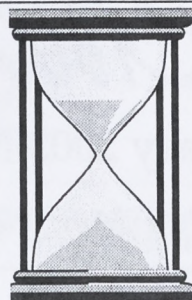
The family patriarch, who lived into his nineties, did well making and selling underwear for prostitutes, an occupation that evolved, with the help of his Caucasian wife and numerous family members, into a wealthy retail business in Chinese art objects and artifacts in Los Angeles. See combines historical research with personal information for a fascinating story of the intertwining of people, government, economics, and culture, and the good and bad of them all.

Discussion leader, Ellie Heister.

Refreshments, Emily Renzel.

Book list for spring Recent or new books, all by women, that members of the group have either read or heard about. New members always welcome.

- Feb. 25, *Nickel and Dimed in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- March 25, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
- April 22, *Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper* by Harriet Scott Chessman
- May 27, *When the Elephants Dance* by Tess Uriza Holthe
- June 24, *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

During the depression of the 1930s Women's Clubs focused on the immediate needs of their own communities. their previous concern that child labor might be used during World War I was now shifted to the possibility that it might provide cheap labor in the stressful times of a depression.

President Hoover requested that the Women's Clubs compile local unemployment surveys. An Economics adjustment committee which worked with the U.S. Department of Commerce was started. The surveys were well received as recorded in this citation "for cooperation in the high service of the children of our country."

Club women responded to local needs. For example, there were "bundle days" when committees working alone or with the Red Cross would gather used clothing, repair them as needed and distribute them to families on relief.

Community canning projects were started. One in Lombard, Illinois was described:

"In June when asparagus was ready, several canning parties were held in the homes. These, heralded throughout the press, created the curiosity and interest desired. Ladies, who had canned in tin for years and owned pressure cookers and sealers loaned their apparatus and gave advice."

At one fund raising event \$58.15 was collected. During the depression that would have paid for a three piece bedroom set or a 1929 Ford.

Joan Holland

History Committee

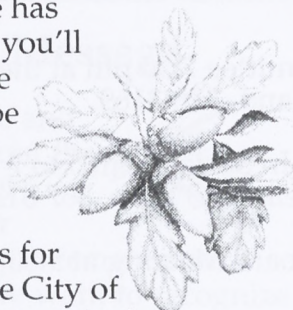


Tuesday January 7, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)

An Idea Whose Time Has Come Is Just Around the Corner

El Camino Real Demonstration Planting

It's an idea whose time has come and, come January you'll have the chance to see the first signs of the landscape changes planned for El Camino Real. This demonstration planting, co-sponsored by the Trees for El Camino Project and the City of Palo Alto, signals the long-awaited beginning of the transformation of El Camino Real into a welcoming, tree-lined boulevard. In Fall 2003 the city will begin the phased planting in both the medians and sidewalks of a variety of trees that include London planetree, Cork oak, Valley oak, Red maple, and Redwood trees at the city's gateways.



Visit the Trees for El Camino Project web-site, www.treesforelcamino.org for more information including the (as yet undetermined) date and details of the demonstration planting.

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Linda Anderson/Page	Christine Luiz
Mary Grace Bertsch	Mary C. McCullough
Julie Caporgno	Carol Murden
Kay Culpepper	Janel Peacock
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BUNCO PARTY COMING

Christine Shambora and I have each read a very funny article, (Dec 23rd issue of TIME magazine) on BUNCO. It is so "right-on" from my experience in playing the game a few times with my daughter's group in LA and also hosting a party last March for another organization. You never heard so much laughing and carrying on. Anyway, Christine suggested that I make a few copies of the TIME article and pass them out at the Wednesday, Jan. 15th luncheon as encouragement for attendance.

I do not think that we are going to make piles of money this time round, BUT, as this article says, BUNCO parties are now being used all over the country as major fundraisers for woman's health issues and the money is really rolling in as groups get formed with pledges of \$\$ going to good causes.

We shall see. I hope that we do not hear any words of rolling dice on Sundays being a SIN.

Happy New Year to all. Pat

Lunch Assignments February 19, 2003 Note: This is an evening meeting Wanda Cavanaugh 851-0210

Judith Schwartz	Delia Laitin
Mary Burt Blume	Nancy Lytle
Marty Carlstead	Jeanne F. McDonnell
Janet L. Dafoe	Anne Firth Murray
Maureen McCarthy	Enid Pearson
Draper	Susie M. Richardson
Roberta Fox	Mary Carey Schaefer
Pam Grady	Lucile Spurlock
Kenna Helms	Ninna N. Traugott
Nancy Huber	Caroline Willis
Nancy Hunt Kiesling	





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Wednesday, January 8 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

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President's Message

February is a month of love and friendship—a time to think about the importance of our friends and loved ones. As you know, our motto is "Friendship, Self Improvement and Community Involvement". We want to recognize all our members who are so involved in our community, and be thankful for our friendships here at the Club. Our luncheons, dinners and Tuesday evening events give us an opportunity to chat informally with old and new friends. They are a chance to get acquainted with women in our community whom we may not have met in other parts of our lives.



Our February meeting will be on February 19th. Wine will be available for a nominal fee (proceeds will go to the Philanthropy Committee), starting at 5:30 p.m. Our program will be an entertaining performance by the Sweet Adelines, In Achord Quartet. Dinner will be provided by Wanda Cavanaugh and her able crew. Hope to see all of you there.

Keep watching for information about the Wine Tasting Evening. Our Events Committee is working hard, planning a fun event to be held in April or May. Information will be included in the next newsletter and will be announced at the luncheons, in the Newsletter, and, of course, through email.

A special note: our Treasurer, Anne Ercolani, has put together figures to show the costs of running our Club. It's important for us all to know how much it costs to run our Club and what rentals contribute to keeping our yearly dues at a nominal amount.

Have a great February.

Julie and Sarah



Wednesday,
February 19
at 5:30 p.m.

**Sweet
Adelines
In Achord
Quartet**

Carol Pahud,
Teri Boucher,
Betty Zanatta and
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& JUDITH SCHWARTZ

Look Inside!



History Corner, Book Club,
Birth Announcement, Costs of Woman's
Club and February Dinner &
March Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



**Tuesday, February 25, 2003
7:30 p.m.**

Nickel and Dime in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

This is the first time I have written our meeting notice without having read the book. I have been on the waiting list for it at the library for weeks, but I learned yesterday from Carla Gwosden, who is a member of our group, that it is one of the selections of the library reading club. I do know the general idea of it, and can tell you about a historical precedent.

Maud Younger did a similar thing in the early 1900s. She was famous nationwide for being a wealthy young woman who took a job as a waitress to find out what conditions were like and whether anyone could live on the earnings. Maud had volunteered at a New York settlement house for five years, a place that helped immigrants and poor people, and when she came back to her family home in San Francisco she wanted to do something to improve women's lives. San Francisco was a stronghold of the Labor Union Party, of which the Waitresses Local was part. Maud wrote articles about her experience and then spent the rest of her life working for woman suffrage until it won in 1920, and then she worked full time for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Discussion leader: Sue Kemp

Spring Series. New members always welcome.

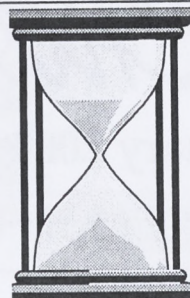
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Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

"History Outing, December 30, 2002"

Under darkening skies on December 30, 2002, seven intrepid Woman's Club members gathered in Professorville to join fellow member Joan Jack for a guided tour of the area's historic homes. Participating in the annual History Committee Holiday Outing were Jeanne McDonnell, Gwen Barry, Carolyn Caddes, Carol Murden, Ellie Heister, Cathy Dolton, and Peggy McKee. Joan began by giving us a thumb nail summary of the ambitions of Leland Stanford, not only to build a tuition-free, world-class university, but also to lure young, ambitious faculty to Palo Alto. This, as many of you know, is the genesis of Professorville.

Joan's encyclopedic knowledge of her micro-community, coupled with her vivacious delivery had us mesmerized, despite the occasional droplets that materialized into real rain. We learned to distinguish between the characteristic styles of shingle, colonial revival, and craftsman, though some of the houses contained elements of all three. We became knowledgeable on the finer points of gambrel, mansard, and hip roofs, on the asymmetrical shingle vis à vis the balanced colonial revival, and the very deep eaves of the craftsman. We strolled with Joan down Bryant, Kingsley, and Ramona Streets. At some of the "signature" houses, we were able to comment intelligently on narrow columns, decorative motifs, roof styles, and the like.

What made 2002's Holiday Outing particularly memorable was the way Joan incorporated the history of Professorville with that of Stanford, with that of Palo Alto. She peppered her remarks with fascinating anecdotes about the original builders and dwellers of her neighborhood. Birge

History Committee



**Tuesday February 4, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Joan Holland (326-3169.)**

Clark's father, Arthur, designed several of the houses, notably the Wing House. Professors Angell and Murray contributed to the development of an athletic program at Stanford. Professors Wing and Marx encouraged the incorporation of Palo Alto as a city in charge of its own utilities. Mrs. Dingle ran a boarding house for young, single faculty members. Mrs. Mitchell held musical evenings in her living room, which evolved into the Fortnightly Club. We on the History Committee recognized the names of many of Stanford's faculty wives as movers and shakers in the early days of the Woman's Club.

As the rain threatened to become a downpour, we retired to the Empire Tap Room for a convivial holiday lunch with more conversation and discussion of Professorville and various other topics (Jeanne's new grandson, for example,) with repeated kudos to Joan for her interesting and informative tour of her neighborhood.

Peggy McKee

Leigh Metzler and her husband, Jim McVey are the new, tired, and very proud parents of twins, born December 28. *Connor Patten McVey* was born at 9:08 pm, weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces; his sister, *Amanda Marjorie McVey* followed at 9:09 pm, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. Hearty congratulations to all four!



THE WOMAN'S CLUB COSTS

The annual membership dues of the Woman's Club is \$50. Did you ever wonder what this pays for? Some of the Board members asked this question, so the Board has analyzed the costs of the Club. The total cost per dues paying member (there are 14 honorary members) is just under \$40 per year to fund only Club luncheons, yearbook, newsletter, and committees. If the house costs are added in the cost is \$147 per paying member. When adding in the cost of house upkeep/improvements and philanthropy, the cost rises to \$278 per dues paying member. As is obvious, the income the Club receives from renting the house is critical to keeping the Club afloat.

The Club adds an annual amount of only \$1,200 to the Building Fund; this fund would be used for large, unexpected building costs. The Board also keeps one year's operating funds in the bank as a cushion should rentals decline significantly.

Our goal is to keep the membership dues at a reasonable amount so no one is deterred from membership. Remember to tell your friends and associates about the club if you know they are looking for a venue for a reception or party for 200 or fewer people.

Anne Ercofani, Treasurer

Lunch Assignments February 19, 2003

Note: This is an evening meeting
Wanda Cavanaugh 851-0210

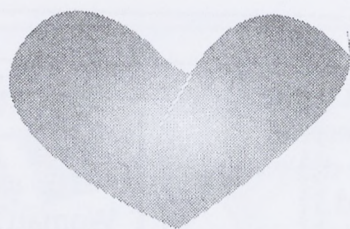
Judith Schwartz	Delia Laitin
Mary Burt Blume	Nancy Lytle
Marty Carlstead	Jeanne F. McDonnell
Janet L. Dafoe	Anne Firth Murray
Maureen McCarthy	Enid Pearson
Draper	Susie M. Richardson
Roberta Fox	Mary Carey Schaefer
Pam Grady	Lucile Spurlock
Kenna Helms	Ninna N. Traugott
Nancy Huber	Caroline Willis
Nancy Hunt Kiesling	

Lunch Assignments March 19, 2003

Emily Renzel 321-4165

Jean Bacigalupi	Susan MacDermid
Gloria Brown	Bonnie McGregor
Betty Carpenter	Gwyn Firth Murray
Mary C. Davey	Sandra Pearson
Carolyn Emmerson	Sheila Raleigh
Maritza Frankfurt	Kathryn Schmidt
Pria Graves	Rosemary Squires
Leannah Hunt	Rosemary Stevens
Carol Kiparsky	Peggy Tsao
Linda Larson	Isabel Waters





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 2 - Bunco Party 4:30pm at the clubhouse.
Contact Pat Davis at 321-2120 for more information.

Tuesday, February 4 - History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, February 5 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 11 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

Tuesday, February 18 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Barbara Martin (408) 445-2674

Wednesday, February 19 - Dinner Meeting at 5:30 pm
Sweet Adelines In Achord Quartet

Tuesday, February 25 - Book Group 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
Call Susan Kazul 565-9101



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March 2003 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

As we move into Spring, the Woman's Club is also planning more exciting events. We have set a tentative date for our 2nd annual Wine Tasting. Mark your calendars for Friday evening, April 11th — more information will follow. We also had a great leap with our first Bunko party, with philanthropy benefiting to the tune of \$1,161. At our February dinner, we had a raffle of white elephant gifts, which thanks to the heavy buying of tickets, made an additional \$155. A big thanks to Pat Davis. Bunny Peterson, a member of the Events committee, is busy working on the April 11th evening. Thanks so very much to these two dedicated members (and, of course, their crew, which includes Gaye Bruce, Sharleen Fiddaman, Celiene O'Hara, Helene Pier, and Emily Renzel).

Our St. Patrick's Day tradition will continue with a feast of corned beef and cabbage. Hope all of you are able to attend — the date is March 19th. March is National Women's History Month, so we look forward to an exciting program.

The nominating committee has been hard at work and it looks like they are putting together a very strong slate. The proposed new Board will be announced at the March lunch, listed in the April Newsletter and voted on at the April lunch. Thanks to the nominating committee for their diligence.

Happy St. Pat's Day

Julie and Sarah



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**Wednesday, March 19
at noon**

A Look at Women's History

**The History Committee
of the Woman's Club**

- 11:45** Member and guest sign-in,
buffet lunch
- 12:30** President's Welcome
- 12:45** Program

Lunch is offered at \$5.00 per person
HOSTED BY EMILY RENZEL

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History Corner, Book Club,
Birth Announcement, Costs of Woman's
Club and February Dinner &
March Luncheon Duty Lists



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April 2003 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Spring brings wonderful new beginnings. We will rejuvenate the Club with the election of new officers and board members. See inside this newsletter for a list of those nominated, but remember that nominations can be taken from the floor. Each new board brings change which keeps our club vital.



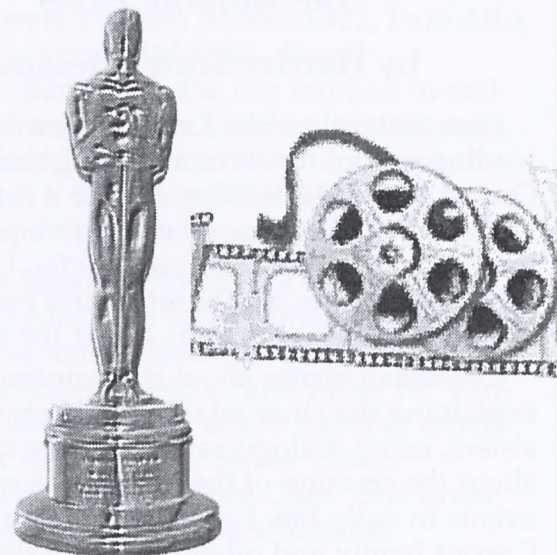
What a wonderful March luncheon. Emily and her crew put on a spectacular meal, and for those who didn't or couldn't attend, what a time you missed! Thanks to all of the "workers". In our informative and fascinating program, Stanford Assistant Professor Barbara Voss told us about the early history of the Presidio of San Francisco and about the archaeological study she will be in charge of for the next two summers at the site of family residences there in the 1800s.

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 5, (9:00 am) when the House and Grounds Committee will be putting on a Rummage Sale at the Clubhouse. Call Jana Stevens for information, 327-0370. These events help defray costs for upkeep of our wonderful Clubhouse, and we hope that all of you will either contribute, work, purchase a table for your own "items", or help setup or cleanup.

Lastly, we lost a long time Honorary member, Lois Houghton, who joined the club in 1967. She passed away in March, 2003. The Club will make a donation to the Philanthropy Committee in her name.

Hope to see all of you at our April luncheon when we'll hear from Jean Aufmuth speaking on the topic, "After the Oscars". Welcome to Spring.

Sarah and Julie



**Wednesday, April 16
at noon**

After the Oscars

**Jean Aufmuth, reviewer
for the Palo Alto Weekly**

- 11:45 Member and guest sign-in,
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- 12:45 Program**

*Lunch is offered at \$5.00 per person
HOSTED BY BARBARA FOSTER*

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History Corner, Book Club,
New Members, Board Nominations
& April Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

*Lydia Cassatt Reading
the Morning Paper*

by Harriet Scott Chessman

I am grateful to Sue Kemp, a member of our reading group, for recommending this book. One of the valuable things about it for me is its inclusion of photographs of the five paintings by Mary Cassatt of her sister, Lydia. I would go repeatedly to the photographs and each time understand them better as I read the story.

Chessman writes about the paintings in explaining the close relationship between the sisters, using dialogue and memory, telling about the creation of the pictures as special events in daily life. Paris, Edgar Degas, the Cassatt family and others figure in the events, but it is told from the point of view of Lydia. Her perspective is poignant because she has an illness for which there is no cure. Somehow the sorrow and the love between the sisters blend in with a vision of endurance, continuation, and remembrance.

Discussion leader: Jeanne McDonnell

Refreshments: Anne Ercolani

Still remaining in our spring series of books recommended by members of the group are *When the Elephants Dance* by Tess Uuriza Holthe, and *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. New members always welcome. Fourth Tuesday.

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Sale to benefit the House and Grounds Committee

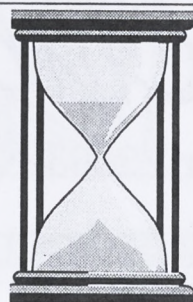
of the Woman's Club

Small furniture • Art

Antiques • Jewelry • Books

Sale will be held on Saturday, April 5th

Sale will be held in the Ballroom. Plan to come and shop. Volunteers welcome.



History Corner COOKERY

Choice Recipes

*Go, little book and wish to all flowers
in the garden, meat in the hall*

—Stevenson

was the introduction to the 95 pages of recipes in the *Palo Alto Woman's Club Cookbook* published in 1903. The title page went on to say that the recipes had been collected from the ladies of Palo Alto who had drawn the recipes from their own favorites, from their cookbooks, from their original inspiration, or from recipes inherited from their grandmothers.

The slim, plain covered, dark green book measuring six by eight and a half inches had its contents broken into twenty categories: Beverages; Bread and Breakfast Foods; Cakes; Fillings; Cookies; Confectionery; Desserts-Puddings; Desserts-Pastry; Desserts-Miscellaneous; Ice Cream; Fish; Meat; Pickles & Preserves; Salads; Salad Dressings; Sandwiches; Sauces-Meat; Sauces-Pudding; Soups; and Vegetables. Each category began with a short quotation such as the one by Francis Bacon for VEGETABLES: "God Almighty first planted a garden," or the one for SANDWICHES which read "I fastened a durable crust to my belt and set forth free and hopeful" by John Mint from *Mountains of California*. Several blank pages were provided at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the cookbook to enable users to write-in further recipes. At the start and finish of the book advertisements from local businesses were included.

The recipe entries were mainly familiar dishes such as Cabbage Cole Slaw, Waldorf Salad, Fish and Clam Chowder, Stuffed Peppers, Cucumber Sandwiches, and Tomato Bisque soup. It is the Meat entrées of Fricasse of Belgian Hare, Pig's Feet Spanish, and Pickled Sheep's Tongue which are not usual fare today. The recipes themselves

History Committee



Tuesday April 2, 7:30 p.m.

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tend to be basic without any embellishments; Chicken Salad, for example, contains chicken, celery and peas, to be served over lettuce with mayonnaise. The recipes give quantities of ingredients, and length of cooking time, but do not give a temperature at which to set the oven, that being a convenience still in the future. A cook determined the proper oven temperature by placing her hand in the oven, although one recipe did give the direction of a "quick oven" and another mentioned a "moderate oven".

The Woman's Club minutes record that \$56.00 was to be paid to the printer of the cookbooks, and that H.W. Simpkins helped sell the cookbook by carrying it in his stationery store on University Avenue; but the minutes do not mention the price of the cookbook or how much was earned by selling them.

For any interested in trying 1903 recipes, an original copy of the *Palo Alto Woman's Club Cookbook* is in the Palo Alto Historical Association Archives in the main library on Newell Road.

Carol Murden

Officer & Board Nominees to succeed the present board

President	Wanda Cavanaugh
1st Vice President	Enid Pearson
2nd Vice President	Margaret Feuer
Treasurer	Emily Renzel
Recording Secretary	Sharon Small -
Corresponding Secretary	Connie Fasani -
Finance Officer	Julie Jerome -

1 year Board

Iris Korol, Jana Stevens, Ella Vandervoort

2 year Board

Karen Holman, Ellie Heister, Carol Hubenthal,
Jennifer Kleckner,

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at
the luncheon meeting.



NEW MEMBERS

Ancy Fletcher, 2020 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Phone: 321-4374. Email: ancyf@mycidco.com. Ancy is a former teacher. Her hobbies are hiking, bridge, grandchildren, and gardening.

Pat Starrett, 765 San Antonio #22, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone 424-9988. Email: ptstar61541@aol.com. Pat has worked in real estate, as a teacher, at a children's book store, and Stanford University. She volunteers at Filoli and is a docent at SFMOMA. Her hobbies are reading, travelling.

Frances Edwards, 1824 Oak Creek Drive #407, Palo Alto, CA 94304. Phone 323-1442. Frances has retired from her own dress design business. She has been a fund raiser for various non-profits. She is Board member emeritus from PA Art Center, Senior Center Auxiliary, Stanford Alumni Club. She loves symphony, opera, ballet, and theatre.

In Memorium

LOIS HOUGHTON died at her home in Oceanside. She joined the Club in 1967 and was president in 1976-77. She was most active during the 1970s and 1980s, when she served on House and Grounds and Ways and Means Committees, was recording and corresponding secretary, board member, active in the Bridge Section, and an honorary member. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lois's family and to the club members who knew her well during the decades of her active par-

Lunch Assignments April 16, 2003 Barbara Foster 328-1971

Linda Bader	Betsy Foss MacDonald
Elizabeth Browne	Margaret McKee
Nancy Cassidy	Debbie Mytels
Patricia Parrish Davis	Nancy Peters
Anne Ercolani	Freyda Ravitz
Hillary Freeman	Sophia Ristich
Glista Guilford	Micki Schneider
Diana Irvin	Autumn Stanley
Yoriko Kishimoto	Carolyn Tucher
Betsy Laster	Zorina B. Wolf



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1 - History Committee 7:30 pm at the clubhouse
for info: Joan Holland, 326-3169

Wednesday, April 2 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

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May 2003 NewsLetter

President: Sarah French and Julie Jerome

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President's Message

So, time flies. This year is drawing to an end. Julie and I have been at the helm for two years; what wonderful changes have taken place, and what wonderful members we have. It will soon be time to hand the gavel to Wanda who will ably lead the Club with her new Board members. Julie will continue to serve, but Sarah will leave the Board after serving for many years (I think about 8 or 9). Wow, what an experience to watch this wonderful organization grow from so few to having a waiting list. Thanks to all of you who brought in new members, and to all of you who have helped make this Club special. Encourage your friends to join us; bring them to a luncheon or the Tuesday evening Social. Keep getting the word out.



Be thinking about where you would like to participate next year. At our June lunch there will be sign-ups for the various committees that make the Club run. These include House & Grounds, Philanthropy, Programs, Tuesday Evening Socials, and Luncheons.

We will have the Board installation at the May supper. Mark your calendar for May 21st, 5:30. A wine reception will precede supper. Our program will feature Mark Simon, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle; supper will be provided by Judy Chang and her crew. We hope all of you can attend.

The Philanthropy committee has chosen the recipients for this year's giving program. The Club announcements will be made in our next newsletter.

Thanks so very much to Iris Korol and her committee for their hard work and diligence. We will honor the recipients at our June meeting.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you in May.

Julie and Sarah



Mark Simon,
Peninsula News Beat
San Francisco Chronicle

The new board will be installed

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| 5:30 | Member and guest sign-in,
buffet dinner |
| 6:00 | President's Welcome |
| 6:30 | Program |

Dinner is offered at \$5.00 per person
HOSTED BY JUDITH CHANG



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New Members, High Tea
June Luncheon Duty Lists

Book Group



Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

When the Elephants Dance by Tess Uuriza Holthe

"When the elephants dance, the chickens must be careful. The great beasts, as they circle one another, shaking the trees and trumpeting loudly, are the Amerikanos and the Japanese as they fight, and our Philippine Islands? We are the small chickens."

Fortunately, for the comfort of U.S. readers, the Japanese commit the atrocities and the Amerikanos, though they are a small part of the story, are treated positively. This is a hard time to read about the horrors of war, but the book is about more than war.

The author, who was born in San Francisco, says it is based on stories her father told, and they are about a culture. The class system that prevailed as a result of the Spanish invasion of centuries ago, and the cohesion of the native people who have continued to use their language and treasure their heritage, seems related to the Indian people's lives in our country.

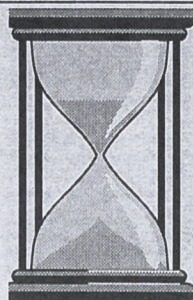
Brutality and bravery are central to this long book. It made me hope my belief is true that our contemporary era makes it inadvisable for warriors to commit rape and murder as readily as they did in the past.

Discussion leader
Sue Kemp

Refreshments
Sue Beaver

The last book in our spring series of books recommended by members of the group is *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. New members always welcome. Fourth Tuesday.

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History Corner

Castilleja School is not quite as venerable as the Woman's Club, but it will celebrate its centennial in 2007. Castilleja has always had a special relationship with Palo Alto and Stanford University. Leland Stanford, wanting to build a world class university in the salubrious environs of Palo Alto, did his best to lure and hire faculty to live in what came to be known as Professorville and to teach at Stanford. Castilleja's first home, in fact, was in the heart of Professorville.

David Starr Jordan, the first president of Stanford, believed that Palo Alto needed a school for girls. He encouraged Mary Ishbel Lockey to open Castilleja School in 1907, at 1121 Bryant Street. Miss Lockey, a recent graduate of Stanford with teaching experience at both Harker-Hughes School and Palo Alto High School, opened Castilleja's doors on August 19, 1907, with fourteen teachers and sixty-eight students in grades kindergarten through twelve. In 1910, Miss. Lockey purchased the current site of the school at 1310 Bryant Street. Dr. Jordan was present at the groundbreaking ceremony.

From the beginning, Castilleja established high academic standards. Its graduates were admitted without examination to Stanford University, the University of California, Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, Mount Holyoke, Wells, and Mills! In the school's first twenty five years, Castilleja graduated 634 girls, and 166 of them entered Stanford University. While the curriculum was rigorously academic, Miss Lockey also required that her girls study Domestic Science and Domestic Arts, to be prepared for "the main business of life..., that is, home-making."

Miss Lockey encouraged involvement in the life of the community, believing that "...training in

History Committee



No meeting this month
Joan Holland (326-3169.)

social service is of equal importance with that in any other field." Students held sales to benefit the Stanford Home for Convalescent Children, "adopted" French orphans during the First World War, took part in annual Red Cross drives, and filled Christmas stockings at the Stanford Clinic.

Castilleja today, with a beautiful, renovated campus, seems a far cry from its modest beginning in the shingle house at 1121 Bryant. However, it retains a commitment to a strong academic program, community service, and, as Miss Lockey put it, "The aim ... to train girls in right mental habits, in wholesome, purposeful living, and in the formation of high standards of individual and group conduct and responsibility." This is not so different from Castilleja's present motto, "Women Learning—Women Leading."

by Peggy McKee

Lunch Assignments June 18, 2003

Edith Zitelli, 327-8777

Ellen Barton	Elizabeth
Gloria Brown	Lillard-Bernal
Joan Bruce	Adelaide Macovski
Mildred Chackerian	Leigh Metzler
Ann Debusk	Sybil Pfluke
Elspeth Farmer	Karen Recht
Sarah H. French	Nancy Weeks Rossen
Mary Hansen	Christine Shambora
Julie Jerome	Barbara Stephens
Barbara Klein	Shelby Valentine
	Elizabeth Wright

NEW MEMBERS

Just a reminder that it's time to pay your dues and after May 31 members delinquent in payment of dues shall be dropped from the membership roster. Do it now!!!

Welcome to **Margie Harrington**, 1802 Fulton Street, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Phone: 324-1793. Email: margieharrington@hotmail.com. Over the years Margie has volunteered at Allied Arts and PTA. She is currently a member of Gamble Garden Center, PA Garden Club, PEO, and an Investment Club. Her hobbies are gardening, sports, and dance.

Womans Club Membership Procedure

Our Bylaws Article III, Section (B) b provides "A person proposed for membership shall fill out an application and attend one regular monthly meeting. The applicant must be sponsored by two members who know her personally." Section (B) c provides, "Members of at least six months standing are eligible to sponsor or co-sponsor members." We have been a bit lax on enforcing these rules, but since we have a waiting list, we're going to follow the Bylaws seriously from now on. Thanks for your cooperation.

Emily Renzel, Membership Chair

High Tea

A delightful opportunity to eat, drink, socialize at a Fundraising Event for the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. Mothers, Adult Daughters, Grandmothers, Friends get to gather in a garden and enjoy an afternoon treat! Teas, Coffee, Juices, Scones, Sandwiches, Salads, Cookies- all homemade and delicious. Other goodies, too. \$35. (\$25 of your contribution is tax deductible). The Woman's Club profits and No Work attached.

Date: Tuesday, June 3rd. Time: 2 PM

Place: The Palo Alto Tea Garden, 431 Kipling Street (between University and Lytton).

Checks to Iris Korol-1303 Dana-94301.

Limited to 40. Sign up now and look forward to a wonderful treat.





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

No history committee meeting in May,
but we are looking for a member to organize the archives of our current club.

Wednesday, May 7 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm
Joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards.

Tuesday, May 13- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Celiene O'Hara, 367-8122

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